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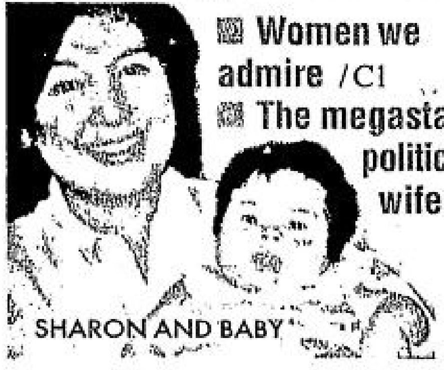

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Don't get Loi to *that* church on time

BY DONA PAZZIBUGAN

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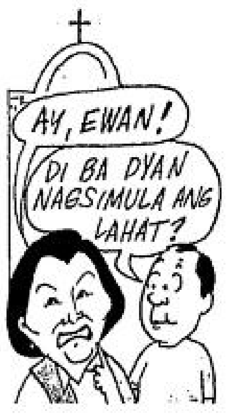

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Manero sets 4 demands

TEACHERS' PET

JOAN BONDOC

Or so it would seem of President Macapagal who looks like a fresh graduate being fussed over by the academic officials of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University at its La Union campus in Agoo after she was conferred with a doctor of humanities degree *(honoris causa)* during its 20th commencement rites on Saturday.

Priest butcher wants presidential pardon restored

BY AQUILES Z. ZONIO
PDI Mindanao Bureau
CHRISTIAN ESGUERRA
AND CHRISTINE HERRERA

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Escaped priest killer Norberto Manero Jr. yesterday set four conditions for his surrender, relaying his demands to Sarangani jail authorities through his common-law wife Julie Yee.

Manero demanded:

- The setting aside of former President Joseph Estrada's revocation of his pardon in 1999.
- The speedy trial of the cases of all inmates at the Sarangani Provincial Jail.
- The speedy trial of his kidnapping with double murder case and the resetting of a scheduled May 7 hearing to an earlier date.
- The lifting of a preventive suspension order issued by the provincial government against Sarangani jail warden Renato Purisima and three other jail guards who were on duty when Manero escaped before dawn Thursday.

The INQUIRER was interviewing Purisima when a jail guard reached Yee on her cellular phone at 3:15 yesterday.

Yee assured Purisima that Manero, the target of a massive police manhunt, would surrender if his demands were met.

Purisima asked Yee for her exact location, as well as for Manero's whereabouts, but she refused to disclose either.

"I don't think the national government would grant the demand of Kumander

MANERO/ A20

Perez to fly to Germany for Marcos billions

BY DONNA S. CUETO

JUSTICE Secretary Hernando Perez and two other senior officials will visit Switzerland and Germany to speed up the search for the alleged hidden ill-gotten wealth of the family of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, an official announced yesterday.

Jorge Sarmiento, officer in charge of the Presidential Commission on Good Government said that he, Perez and Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo would make the trip in the next three months.

He said they would investigate reports that Irene Marcos-Araneta tried to transfer funds from a Swiss bank account to a German one in a suspected attempt to launder the elusive Marcos wealth, Sarmiento said.

"We have to touch base again with the Swiss and German authorities," said Sarmiento, whose agency is still trying to verify the amount involved amid allegations that the Swiss account contained $13.2 billion in 1998.

The delegation will also directly submit documents about the Marcos case to Swiss and German officials, Sarmiento said.

In the past, the Philippines has faxed docu-

PEREZ/ A20

Parents of kidnapper rescue 5-year-old boy

BY MICHAEL LIM UBAC

FINALLY, a kidnapping with a happy ending.

After four days in captivity in the hinterlands of Oriental Mindoro, 5-year-old Remar Medina and his nanny were rescued unharmed yesterday by the parents of the alleged kidnap leader.

Remar missed his graduation in kindergarten school, though. But three gold medals awaited him upon his return home.

"Thank God, my son is safe," Remar's 34-year-old father told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview. Kidnappers earlier killed a sophomore of the University of Sto. Tomas in Manila and two students of the University of the Philippines in Baguio City in a fresh wave of kidnappings that has again become a national issue.

"I just hope that the suspects are

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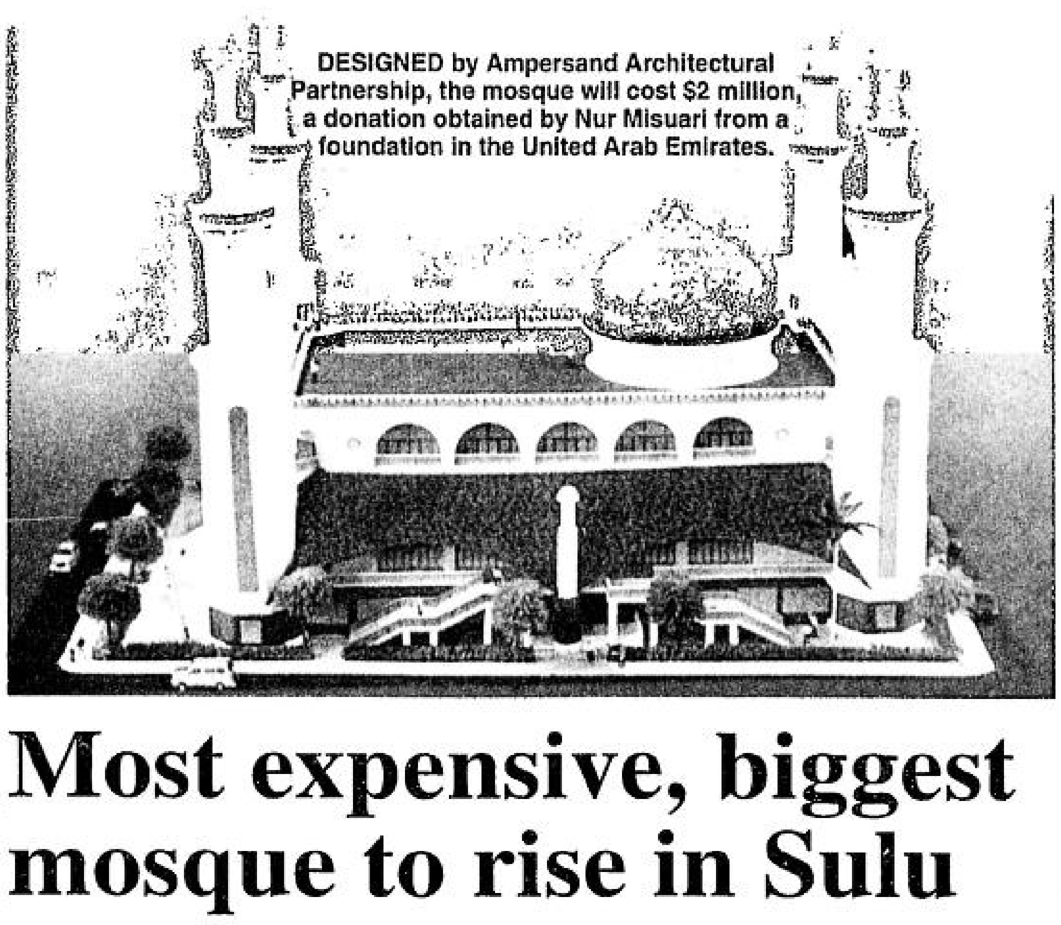

DESIGNED by Ampersand Architectural Partnership, the mosque will cost $2 million, a donation obtained by Nur Misuari from a foundation in the United Arab Emirates.

Most expensive, biggest mosque to rise in Sulu

BY CHARLIE C. SEÑASE
PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—A $2-million (P96-million) mosque, considered to be the most expensive of its kind in the country, will soon rise in Jolo, Sulu.

Mahendra Madjilon, director of the Bureau of Public Information in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said the bidding contract for the construction of the two-story mosque was awarded to a Manila-based general contractor, HS Oaminal.

The building design was furnished by Ampersand Architectural Partnership, he said.

Madjilon said ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari led a groundbreaking ceremony attended by Ambassadors Mohammed Rezk of Egypt and Gholam Reza Yusoufi of Iran on March 9.

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SPELLBINDING EXCELLENCE
Blind for the past 15 years, Roselle Ambubuyog graduates on Saturday summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree, major in math, and valedictorian of the Ateneo de Manila University's Class of 2001. She receives her medal from her mother Deanna and father Gemme. She plans to go after a master's degree in actuarial science.

VAL HANDUMON

MAY WAKAS NA RIN KAYA ANG ISYUNG ITO?

‘Live Show’ ban stays–Gloria

SAN FERNANDO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo has reiterated her order banning the sex-oriented movie, “Live Show,” that has angered Church and conservative leaders, saying the issue was non-negotiable.

“I am for the full flowering of the arts,” the President told a press briefing here. “It is art that makes life. Yet the film is not all about art.”

On Friday, presidential spokesperson Renato Corona said that a three-member appeals committee would review the-ban next week but Ms Macapagal’s order apparently reverses this.

The President said her government, which was launching a moral recovery program, could not allow films that militate against “values which we cherish” to be shown.

“We just cannot ignore the protest of parents, the laity and the public in general against the film,” she said.

The President had banned the film, which depicts the lives of young men and women who perform sex onstage at nightclubs, following pressure from the influential Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and ultra-conservative allies.

The ban triggered the resignation of censors chief Nicanor Tiongson and a public debate on freedom of expression.

Artists’ groups have defended the movie, which was shown at the Berlin Film Festival last year, saying it was not pornographic but was a frank depiction of the depressing lives of people forced by poverty into the sex trade.

Some sectors of the movie industry are for endorsing a move to dump the entire senatorial slate of the administration’s People Power Coalition as a protest against the ban.

But the resigned censors chief, Tiongson, said yesterday he was not supporting the move as it would only help those in the opposition who are allied to ousted President Estrada.

“I’m really against the previous administration. That’s why I resigned from the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (at the height of the Estrada impeachment trial),” Tiongson said.

He said the row over “Live Show” had split the coalition that ousted Estrada into the liberal and conservative camps.

“The administration should have foreseen the backlash that would happen. Why did it listen only to the other side?” he said.

“Worse, they chose the wrong film to ban. It’s not pornographic,” Tiongson said.

He said the rift can be partly remedied if the President appoints a balanced representation of these groups in the new MTRCB.

“Movies are rated based on the current cultural standards. How will you define prevailing cultural standards if not all sectors are represented?” he said.

Tiongson clarified that he was not blaming the entire Church for the imbroglio.

“Cardinal Sin is a religious leader but he is not the whole Church,” he said, saying he respected some religious who are enlightened and very good.

Tiongson explained that he understood the Church’s lobbying for what it considered as moral values. But he said it should not have an overwhelming influence on government.

In Kalibo, Aklan, where the PPC candidates were on a campaign sortie, the candidates admitted not having seen “Live Show” and expressed differing views on the issue.

Only former Internal Revenue Commissioner Liwayway Vinzons-Chato and Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. unequivocally supported Malacañang’s move to ban the film.

“I do not watch those kinds of shows because for me the moral fiber of the country is what’s important. And the issue is not freedom of speech but license,” Chato said.

“And excuse me, (as) a woman I object to ‘Live Show.’ What are we showing foreigners, that we’re prostitutes? *Grabe*,” said Chato, who is a member of the Couples for Christ.

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said he hasn’t seen the film but if it does exploit sex as alleged, then he said President Macapagal-Arroyo’s decision was “timely and relevant.”

Four other the PPC candidates took a neutral position.

Sen. Franklin Drilon said the issue should be debated and the authority of the MTRCB reviewed.

“Let’s debate on this because you know people here are divided,” Drilon said. “Let’s clarify and debate.”

Makati Rep. Joker Arroyo said others would advocate for the movie’s showing because they believe in freedom of expression.

But he said it was understandable why the Church had condemned the film.

“You can’t deny also to the Church the right to object because it involves faith and morals, both centers of the Church’s teaching… they have to make their position,” he told reporters.

Arroyo said “both sides are right” and noted that a “compromise” may be worked out.

Both Las Piñas City Rep. Manny Villar and Batangas Rep. Ralph Recto said the banning of the movie showed that the Macapagal-Arroyo administration wanted to raise the standards of morality in the country.

“For me, the signal is very clear, we simply want higher standards of morality as a reaction to what the former president did in terms of gambling,” Villar said.

He said that he doesn’t want to see the return of x-rated movies in the country.

Recto said he did not know if what government did was right as he had not seen the movie.

“But what is clear to me is, the President is conservative like perhaps Chato,” he said.

But PPC consultant Lupita Aquino-Kashiwahara who has seen the movie said she found it to be one of the “better films.”

Everything is “in the eye of the beholder,” she said.

“Art is always controversial,” she said. “For as long as it uplifts the human spirit, then it’s art.”

For her, “*bomba*” films are those which “titillate” but said she found “Live Show” to be “antiseptic.”

Still, she considers the President as the final arbiter of the issue.

“This is democracy and that’s the beauty of it,” she said.

Ms Macapagal said a draft executive order on moral recovery was now being prepared by Eufemio Domingo, the head of the Presidential Commission Against Graft and Corruption.

The order would define the functions of those responsible for implementing the moral recovery program, which Domingo would also head. *Reports from Peter La. Julian and Avigail Olarte, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, Philip C. Tubeza and Christine Avendaño, Metro Manila*

Anti-crime effort hampered by cops’ jealousy, says Lacson

By P. C. Tubeza

FORMER Philippine National Police chief and senatorial candidate Panfilo Lacson yesterday said “professional jealousy” within the police force is preventing the law-enforcement agency to solve all kidnapping cases.

Lacson told reporters during the weekly press forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City that “competition” between the men of new PNP chief Leandro Mendoza and police director Hermogenes Ebdane of the Presidential Anti-Organized Task Force is hindering the police anti-crime efforts.

Lacson headed PAOCTF in concurrent capacity when he was PNP director general.

“I have it on good information that the PAOCTF and the PNP are not cooperating with each other unlike before,” Lacson said.

He added that the police should also prove that it could solve kidnapping, especially to potential victims in the Filipino-Chinese community.

Lacson said President Macapagal-Arroyo’s plan to hold a law and order summit to address the alarming increase in kidnappings in the country will just be a waste of time and money.

“I don’t think it would solve the problem,” he said.

Lacson, who is a candidate under the opposition’s Puwersa ng Masa coalition, said it takes plenty of time and resources to hold meetings like the proposed peace summit, which “are nothing but a series of briefings and show of statistics.”

Instead of holding a peace summit, Lacson said the Macapagal administration should strengthen and maximize the use of highly trained police units like the PAOCTF, which is specifically mandated to wage war against criminal syndicates like kidnap-for-ransom gangs.

“Given the proper motivation and support, I believe even a small unit like PAOCTF could very well address the (kidnapping) problem. We did it in the past, I don’t see why the people manning the task force (now) cannot do it,” he said.

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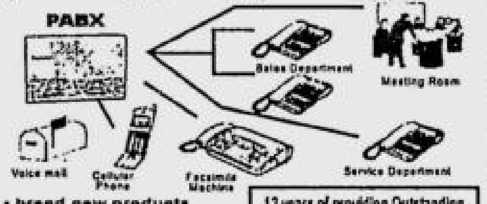

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ELECTION GUIDELINES

Vote for morally upright bets, bishops urge Catholics

By N. BORDADORA

AN INFLUENTIAL Catholic Church group has urged the people to learn from the mistakes of the past and vote for "morally upright" candidates in the May 14 elections.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, through its president Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, said the electorate should reject candidates who traded their principles for "power, wealth or friendship" and vote for "morally qualified" people.

In the statement meant for voters' education, Quevedo said, "If we choose leaders without the necessary moral qualities, they shall prove to be a curse to justice, peace and true development. But if we choose leaders who are morally qualified, then we choose blessings for our country.

"This could be a time of grace for our country or it could be a time of sorrow," he said.

While he stressed the CBCP would not recommend candidates to the voters, his statement reminded readers of what transpired during the impeachment trial of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Estrada's party mates in the Senate voted not to open an envelope believed to contain strong evidence against him.

Three of those senators allied with the ousted president are running for reelection under the Estrada-led Puwersa ng Masa. They are Juan Ponce Enrile, Miriam Defensor-Santiago and Gregorio Honasan.

"Shall we elect leaders who dismiss moral principles for the sake of power or wealth or friendship? Shall we elect leaders who do not have the moral courage to choose the common good over narrow loyalties or self-interest?" Quevedo asked.

Quevedo said the issues in the coming elections are the same moral issues that People Power 2001 brought to the streets in various parts of the country.

"It is about corruption, the use of power for self or for friends, plunder, the use of the poor for one's own gain, lack of integrity, a disregard for the truth, the lack of a sense of the common good, the lack of fidelity to commitments," he said.

"Solidarity with the poor is not about simply being friendly with them and giving them dole-outs rather than justice. Solidarity with the poor is about being in touch with them, being sensitive to their needs, being active in their liberation," he said.

Quevedo said the electorate should vote for candidates with programs that will address the basic problems of the country "namely peace, justice and development."

The party-list group Bayan Muna, meantime, dared the Catholic Church to name the "immoral and corrupt" candidates the people should not vote for in the coming polls.

Satur Ocampo, Bayan Muna leader, said the Church should display the same courage it showed during Edsa I and II and name names.

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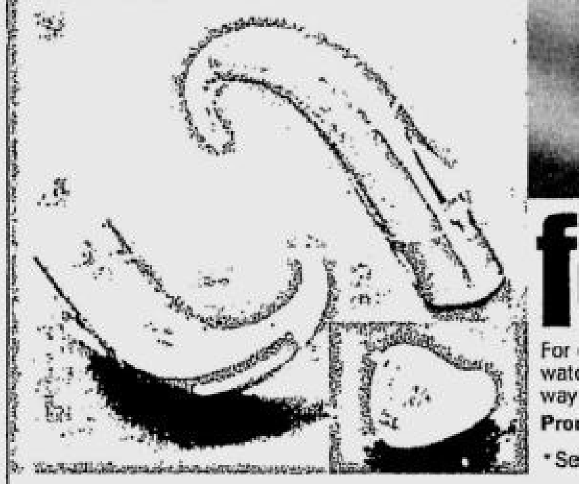

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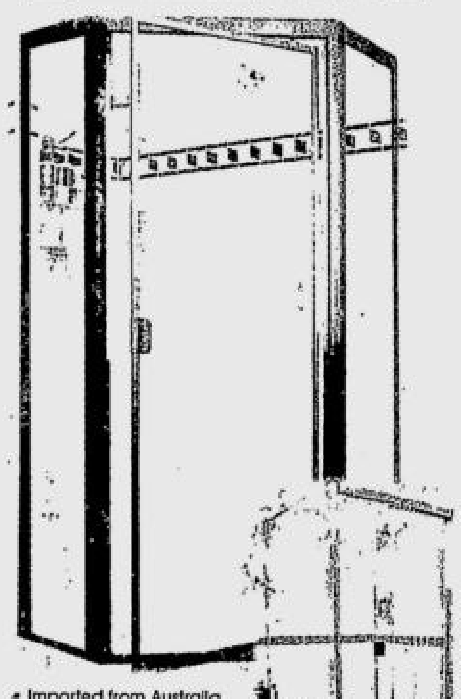

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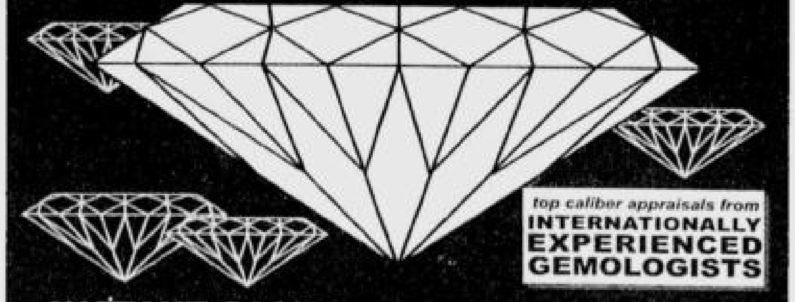

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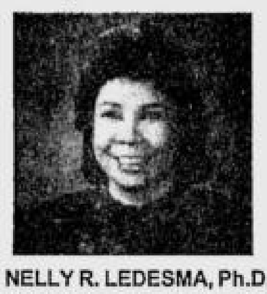

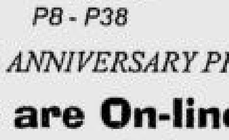

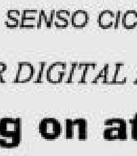

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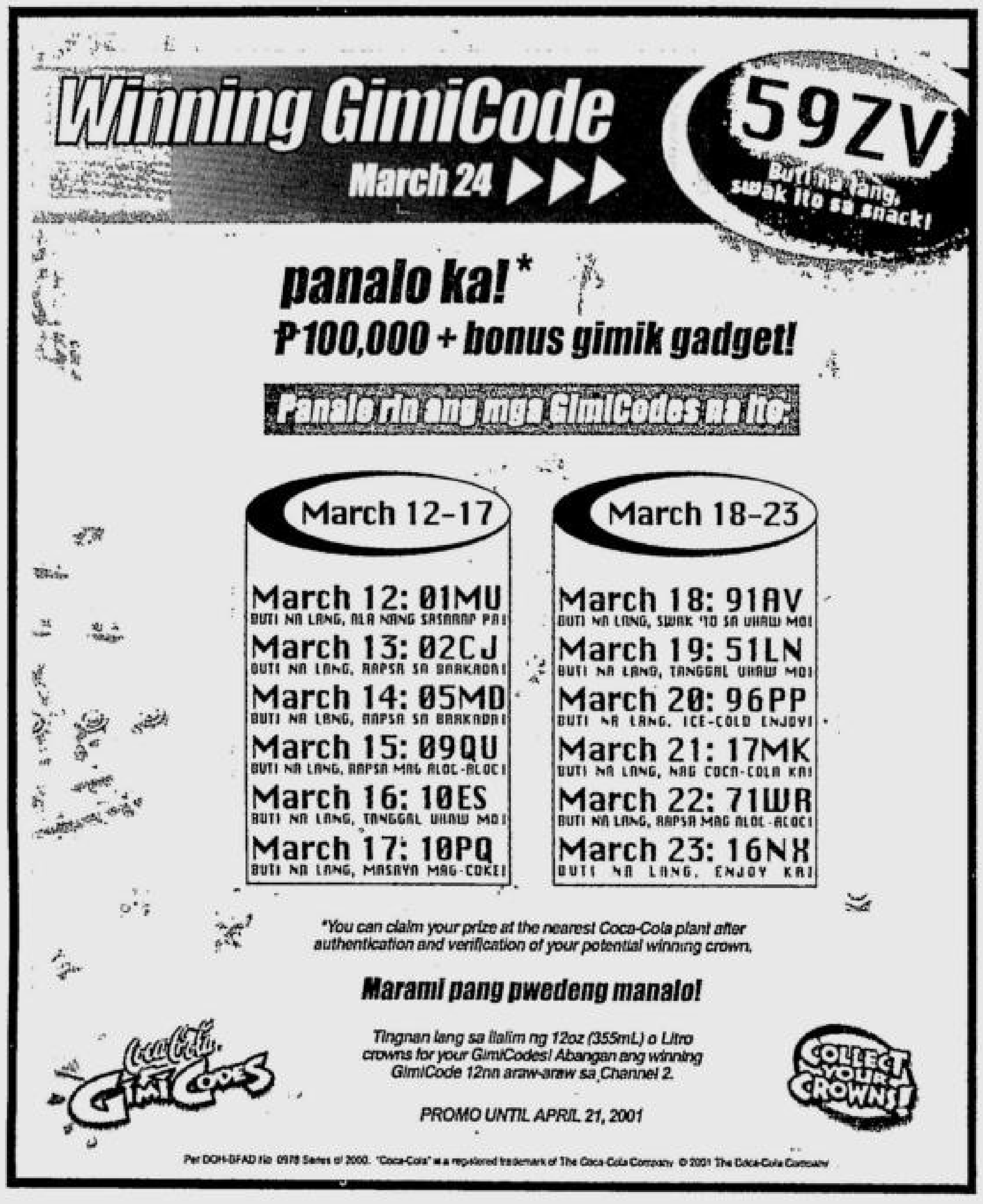

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

April 19, 2001

To The Stockholders:

Pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws of the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of BPI will be held at the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Inter-Continental, Makati City, Metro Manila on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, for the transaction of the following business:

1. Calling of Meeting to Order.
2. Certification of Notice.
3. Roll Call of Stockholders.
4. Determination and declaration of quorum.
5. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 15, 2000.
6. Reading of Annual Report and approval of the Bank's Statement of Condition as of 31 December 2000 incorporated in the Annual Report.
7. Approval and confirmation of all acts during the past year of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Trust Committee, Pension Committee, and other Board and Management Committees, and Officers of BPI.
8. Election of 15 Members of the Board of Directors.
9. Election of External Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
10. Directors' Bonus.
11. Other Matters.
12. Adjournment.

In accordance with Article XIII of the By-Laws, the Stock and Transfer Book of BPI will be closed from March 19 to April 19, 1999. Only Stockholders of record as of end of business hours on March 19, 2001 will be entitled to notice and to vote at the said meeting.

If it will be inconvenient for you to attend the meeting, you may at your option, appoint another person to represent you thereat by means of a proxy, which should be submitted to the Office of the Corporate Secretary of BPI, 19th Floor, BPI Building, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, Metro Manila, not later than 5:00 p.m. of April 6, 2001. Validation of proxies shall be held at the same office on April 10, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

When signing as attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, guardian, or in any other representative capacity, please give full title and file papers showing your authority.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(Sgd.) **CARLOS B. AQUINO**
Vice President & Corporate Secretary

Enrile: Don't let people pay extra for inefficiency

THE TOP opponent of the controversial Omnibus Power Act yesterday stressed the need for transparency in determining the purchased power adjustment (PPA) rates being charged by the National Power Corp. to distribution utilities to protect electric consumers nationwide.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said government should ensure that the monthly surcharges in power rates being collected from the people do not cover Napocor inefficiencies, the costs of onerous contracts with independent power producers and deficient transmission facilities.

Purchase power adjustments are the additional monthly charges of Napocor to electric distributors on top of the basic electric rates. The surcharges are supposed to cover cost fluctuations in fuel and foreign exchange. It also includes the cost adjustments in Napocor's contracts with independent power producers.

Enrile said the PPA surcharge can be as much as 37 percent or P2.09 per kwh of a normal household's monthly electric bill in the Meralco franchise area and P2.13 per kwh or 41 percent in a typical electric cooperative.

He said it is grossly unfair for Napocor to pass on the cost of its inefficiencies and bad contracts on to consumers.

For example, Enrile said, in the Visayan grid, Napocor's highest cost adjustments is in geothermal power. This is because of its bad and onerous contract with PNOC-EDC with whom Napocor is losing P3 billion a year, he said.

Enrile said the geothermal power contract signed between the two government-owned firms was disadvantageous to Napocor because they contracted for more power than what Napocor really needed. Its transmission facilities could not even handle the amount of power contracted.

He said "it is evidently clear that the costs of these misjudgments and abuse of discretion by these government agencies should not be borne by the people."

"We must ensure that these distribution utilities pass on only the fair and legitimate cost of the PPA and do not profit from the misery of consumers," Enrile said.

Enrile said if Napocor is allowed to continue hiding its inefficiencies and misjudgments by passing on unnecessary costs to poor consumers, Napocor will never be efficient and prudent in its contracting decisions.

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Advanced Computer Application	16 hrs.	Apr 3& 8, 17&19 T-Th (8-5)	Apr.4-27 (Mon-Thu (1-4)	Apr.4-27 (Mon-Thu (1-4)
PC. Troubleshooting & Maintenance	20 hrs.	Mar28-Apr3 (1-5) Apr 23-27 (1-5)	Mar26-Apr6 Mon-Fri (1-5)	Mar26-Apr6 (Mon-thu (1-5)
Photoshop	8 hrs.	Mar 26-27 (1-5)	Mar26-Apr6 (M-t (1-5)	Mar26-Apr6 (M-t (1-5)
Local Area Networking (LAN)	45 hrs.		Apr 4-27 Mon-Fri (1-4)	Apr 4-27 Mon-Fri (9-12)
Fiber Optic Technology	36 hrs.		Mar26-Apr17(M-th (9-12)	Mar26-Apr17(M-th (1-6)
Telephone Subscribers Instillation	30 hrs.		Mar 24-Apr.7 Sat (9-6)	Mar 24-Apr.7 Sat (9-6)
Web Page Design	16 hrs.	Mar 31-Apr 1(8-5)	Apr.4-5 (T-F (9-6)	Apr.4-5 (W-T (9-6)
Visual Basic	16 hrs.	Apr.17 (THF (8-5)		
House Wiring	45 hrs.		Mar26-Apr 6(M-F (6-9)	Mar24-Apr 21(Sat (6-9)
Consumer Electronics	40 hrs.	Apr 16-27(1-5)	Mar26-Apr 6(M-F (6-9)	Mar24-Apr 14(Sat (6-9)
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Public Speaking	20 hrs.	Apr 3(TTh(8-2/1-5/5-9)	Mar26-31(M-F (1-5)	Mar26-31(M-F (9-1)
Physical Fitness Training	40 hrs.		Mar 31-Apr 4 (8-11 am)	
Building Self-Confidence (Kids & Youth)	20 hrs.	Apr 16 MWF (10-12,1-3 ,5-8)	Mar 26-31 Mon.-Fri (9-1)	Mar 26-31 Mon.-Fri (1-5)

S. Tagalog militants cry harassment

By C. V. Esguerra

A MILITANT group yesterday urged the government to investigate the alleged military harassment of labor leaders in Southern Tagalog despite the declaration of the Suspension of Military Operation (Somo).

Eden Marcellana of Karapatan alleged that the Army's 76th infantry battalion, led by Lt. Salvador "Lagalag" Ubado, "harassed" at least 11 officers of the Kongreso ng Magbubukid Para sa Repomang Agraryo (Kompra) last March 17 and 18.

Marcellana said Ubado's team stormed Kompra's headquarters in Barangay Vista Hermosa in Macalelon, Quezon, and beat up the group's officers for still unknown reasons.

Among those who were allegedly harassed were Liberato Indrinal, Dita and Juan Palmero, Charlie Cendor, Sofronio and Melchor Perez, Castro Marikit, Alexander Castro, Romy Rivera and Liberato Mediabello.

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COTABATO CITY—A Muslim religious leader was killed and 13 other people were injured in a grenade attack on a mosque in Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat, on Friday.

A hooded man, who entered the mosque while worshippers were having 5 a.m. prayers, threw the grenade and fled on a motorcycle, Lambayong police chief, Senior Insp. Romeo del Rosario, said.

Preacher Ustadz Suwaib Padao, 48, of Ampatuan town in Maguindanao, died while being treated at the Quijano Medical Clinic in Tacurong City.

Wounded were Arnel Ali, 15; Saed Narahian, 16; Misuari Camino, 14; Saluidan Dalamba, 58; Delson Panisale, 14; Saray Alma, 45; Nahod Sabdaw, 61; Mando Bucayod, 28; Tahir Guiamal, 15; Kosme Muda, 17; Sangcupa Pangilaman, 58; Sumail Guiamal and Abdul Macabangen.

Del Rosario said the incident had nothing to do with religious conflicts among various faiths in Lambayong.

Radio station dxOM-FM in Koronadal City quoted Del Rosario as saying that the attack could be related to a dispute between Muslim religious leaders over the administration of the town's mosque.

He said some 25 religious teachers are opposed to Padao's administration of the mosque.

Del Rosario also said the incident could be related to the killing of two Pakistani-trained Muslim preachers in nearby Tacurong City last Wednesday.

Chief Supt. Manuel Raval, regional police chief, sent a peacekeeping team to the town to prevent the violence from escalating.

It was the third attack against places of worship in Central Mindanao this month.

On Sunday, alert security guards foiled an attempt to bomb the Cotabato Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

A week earlier, a fragmentation grenade went off at the fence of the Mt. Carmel Parish Church in Parang, Maguindanao.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front has appealed for sobriety.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu yesterday called on the Islamic faithful "not to be carried away by your emotions."

Kabalu, who considered the incident a "godless act," said the man who lobbed the fragmentation grenade inside the mosque desecrated the house of God.

He appealed to relatives of those injured to wait for the outcome of a thorough investigation. ***Edwin O. Fernandez and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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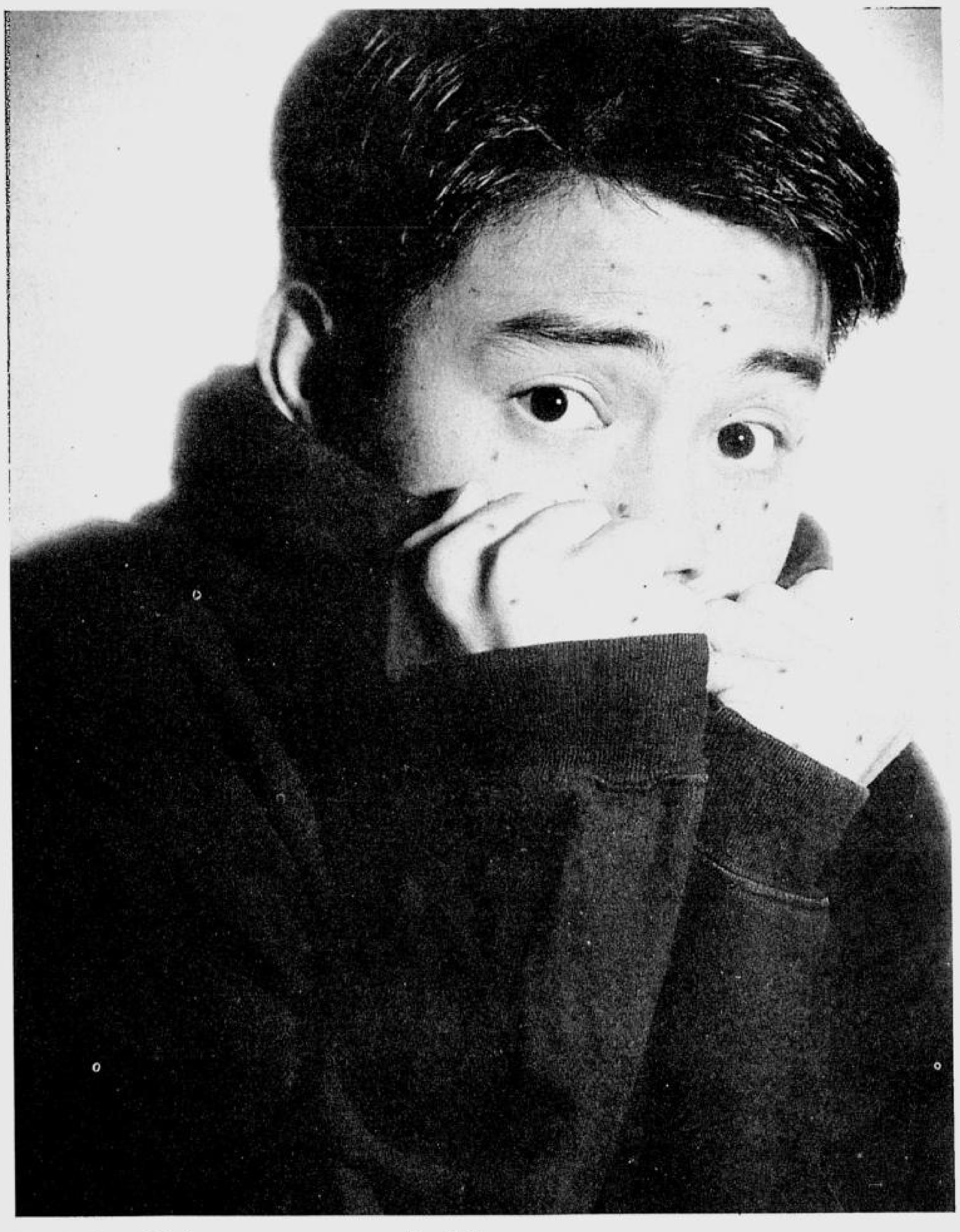

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Noli appeals for vigilance

SENATORIAL candidate Noli de Castro yesterday called for public vigilance at the polls to head off any attempts to undermine the people's mandate as indicated by results of the latest Social Weather Stations poll research which reaffirmed his lead in the 33-man race.

The SWS poll, conducted March 5 to 18, showed that De Castro even widened his lead by a hazy 13 points from only two points in the previous survey, over second placer reelectionist Sen. Juan Flavier of the ruling People Power Coalition.

Majority of the respondents (59 percent) gave their nod to De Castro who was waging his one-man electoral campaign under the battlecry "Boses ng Bayan sa Senado." His popularity also grew by 19 percent compared to the Feb. 2 to 7 SWS survey, which gave him 40 percent as against his closest rival who had 38 percent.

"Noli de Castro, the only independent candidate in the survey's winning column, has been consistently in first place," the SWS report stated.

De Castro appealed to the people to ensure that their votes are properly counted and credited to the rightful candidate and warned against "*dagdag-bawas*" (vote padding/vote shaving).

He issued the appeal even as pointed out that only those at the tail-end of the winning list would likely be affected by such electoral fraud.

Ping blames black-prop for survey skid

By Philip C. Tubeza

PUWERSA ng Masa senatorial candidate Panfilo Lacson has blamed his exclusion from the Magic 13 in the latest Social Weather Stations survey on an alleged demolition job on opposition candidates.

The latest SWS survey had Lacson dropping to 15th from 8th place in a previous survey.

The survey, conducted from March 5 to 18 and released last Friday, placed 8 candidates from the pro-administration People Power Coalition, one independent and 4 from the PnM in the winning 13.

"Maybe the demolition job is having its effect somehow," Lacson told reporters during the weekly Sulo Hotel press forum.

Lacson said he was not questioning the survey results, but claimed that, contrary to the survey, PnM candidates have been getting an enthusiastic response during their campaign stops all over the country.

"The people's response has been so warm. I don't see the consistency," Lacson said.

Lacson said that many people, especially the urban and rural poor, are very supportive of the opposition because they still favor ousted President Joseph Estrada.

He said the crowds he saw support the view of some analysts that the disgraced Estrada still has the support of "18 to 20 percent" of the voters.

While this percentage of the electorate would not be able to get an opposition candidate elected, it can bring down those in the administration slate, he said.

Lacson dared the administration to file charges against him if it should be proven that the opposition was responsible for the alleged wiretapping of the People Power Coalition offices at the Ortigas Center.

"Their problem is it's easy to make statements to media. But where is the evidence?" he said.

PPC earlier accused the opposition of bugging their headquarters after a police team found that three of their 15 telephone lines were being tapped.

Lacson, who admitted the other day to spying but not wiretapping, said the administration's senatorial campaign was becoming paranoid because of the accurate information that PnM was getting about their plans.

Lacson said there are other ways of intelligence gathering, "like having DPA (deep penetration agents)."

He claimed that someone had given the opposition documents regarding the administration's so-called demolition plans.

Mindanao voters aware—Winnie

MONSOD

PEOPLE Power coalition senatorial candidate Solita "Mareng Winnie" Monsod has refuted the opposition's claims that it has a tight grip on the voting population of Mindanao and dubbed the assertion as part of a misinformation campaign.

"The declaration of the opposition is totally false. In any country or region, no group can claim a hundred percent backing," said Monsod during her recent visit to Davao.

According to Monsod, people have the right to choose their preferences. "Each person has his or her own taste and opinion when it comes to candidates and political parties. Nobody or no party has the right to label a place belonging to them exclusively," said Monsod, whose platform is Edukasyon Pasa sa Bawat Pilipino (Education for All Filipinos).

The respected economist and educator made the observation after she was warmly received together with her ticket mates during the PPC market tours in the province.

Warnings from political rivals that the PPC will experience cold receptions in certain areas in Mindanao did not bother Monsod who was actually unfazed and even challenged by the rumor.

"I was actually raring to go and prove these doomsayers wrong. *Walang makapipigil sa sinumang nanggigigil* (Nobody can stop someone determined). I don't know how the opposition came up with this claim. people here in Mindanao are aware of the issues and know what transpired during the impeachment trial of former President Estrada and People Power II, which paved the way for a new government," Monsod said.

Dong Puno: enforce laws, don't censor

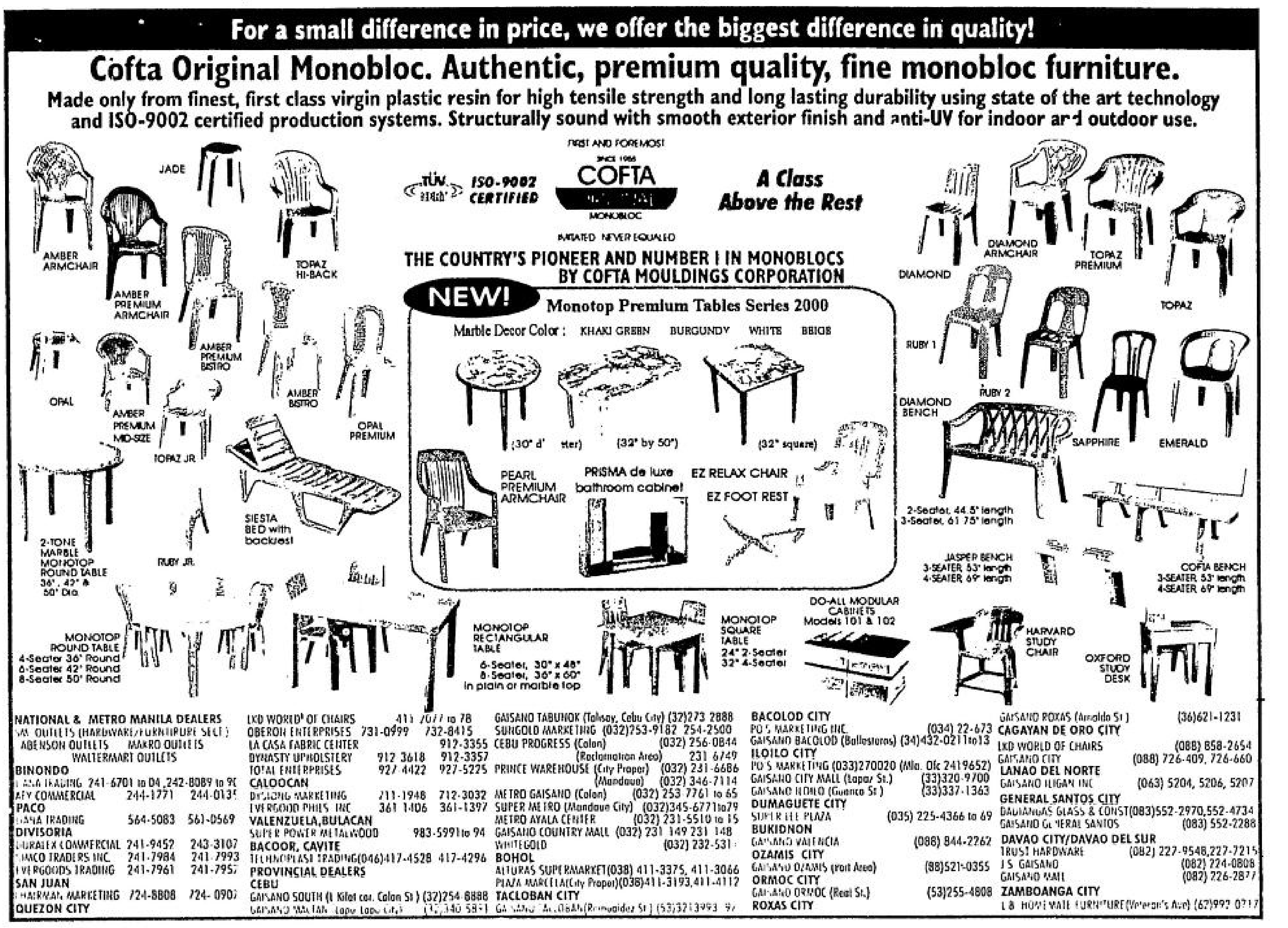
DAVAO City—Former Press Secretary Ricardo "Dong" Puno Jr. said Thursday that instead of censorship, the strict enforcement of laws banning minors from viewing adult films should be the government's thrust in addressing the legitimate concerns raised by the Catholic Church and other groups on this issue.

Noting the legitimate concerns raised by both the Catholic Church and Filipino film artists, Puno pointed out that banning the viewing of adult films such as "Live Show," would only trample on the right to artistic expression and create an underground market for such movies. That, he said, would prevent the government from strictly enforcing laws banning minors from watching them.

"The issue is not whether to censor or not to censor. The issue is whether laws that prohibit minors from viewing films such as 'Live Show' are strictly enforced. We recognize the genuine concern of the Catholic Church on protecting our youth and strengthening the moral fiber of our society. But we should never stifle the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of artistic expression," he told local journalists at a breakfast press conference here.

Puno said that although he is a strong defender of artistic freedom, he must draw the line when it comes to allowing minors to watch adult films whose themes may be too mature for their young minds to understand.

Puno, a senatorial frontrunner of the Laban ng Demokratikong Filipino, issued the statement after Movie and Television Review and Classification Board chair Nicanor Tiongson resigned from his post Wednesday following Malacañang's decision to ban the viewing of the adult film "Live Show."



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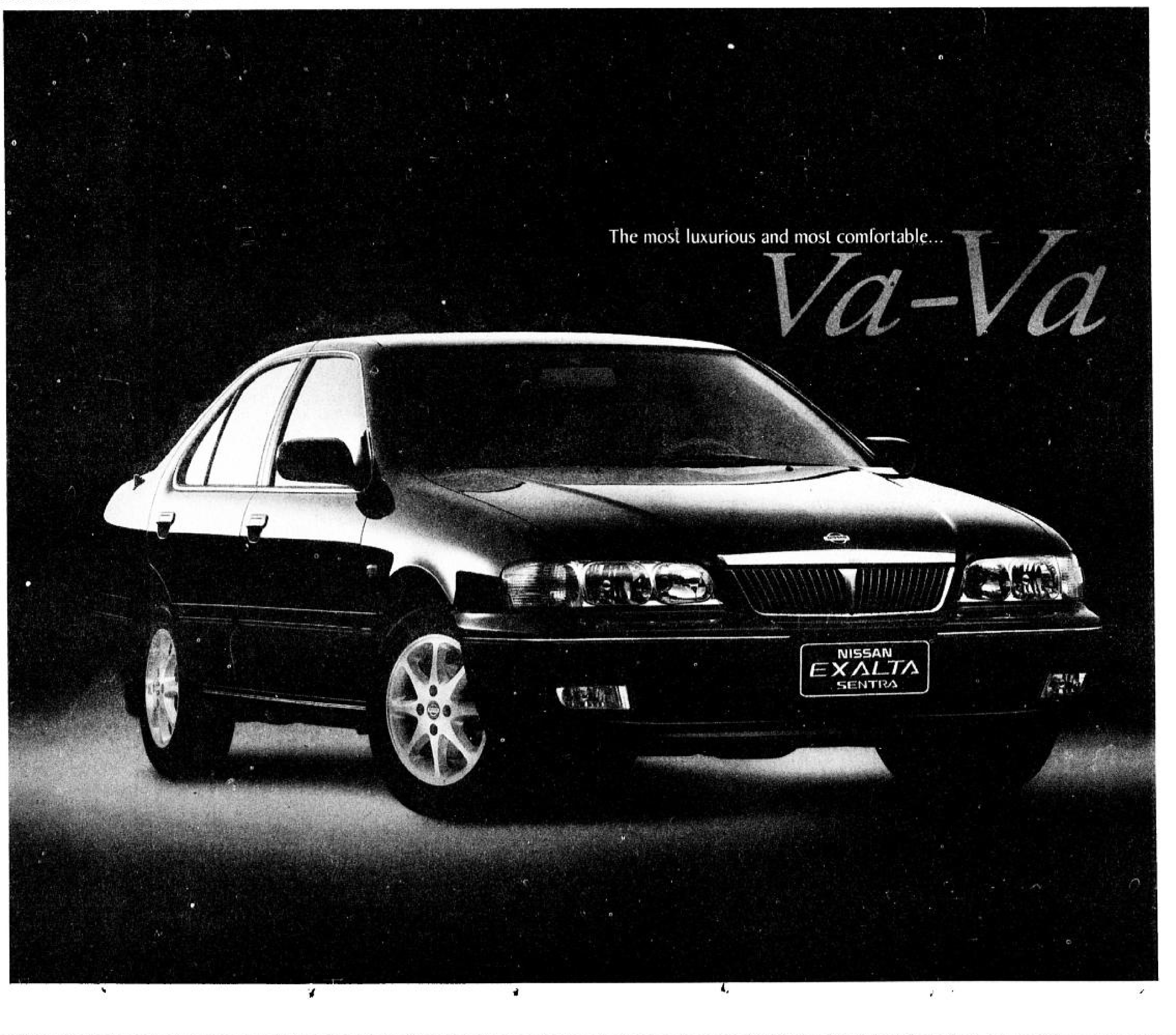

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'VERY, VERY SAD REPORT'

RP clergy joins apology for rape of nuns

By Norman Bordadora

LEADERS of the Catholic Church in the country have joined Pope John Paul II in apologizing for the sexual crimes allegedly committed by priests against nuns in at least 23 countries, including the Philippines.

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, said, "We say sorry and express great sorrow," over the Italian newspaper report that a number of nuns and female workers of the Church had been raped, impregnated and forced to undergo abortions by priests and other religious in at least 23 countries.

The Vatican last week acknowledged the report in La Republica. The report said some of the women died as a result of the forced abortions. It also said many of the women suffered severe trauma as a result of repeated sexual abuse in the hands of the clergy.

The Pope himself has apologized to the women who were victimized by unscrupulous members of the clergy, Quevedo told a hastily called press conference at the CBCP headquarters in Manila yesterday.

Quevedo said priests in the Philippines found guilty of committing sexual crimes would automatically be removed from their parishes.

He said this is not to shield the priests from investigation and prosecution, but to avoid scandal in their communities. The Catholic Church, he said, would not get in the way of justice taking its due course in the case of erring priests.

Quevedo said the offending priests would also be made to answer for the financial needs of the mother and the child.

"It's a very, very sad report. The whole Church—priests, bishops, the Pope and the lay people - have to face this problem together," Quevedo told reporters.

The Vatican on Wednesday admitted that sexual violence had occurred in its ranks. The newspaper story was based on a report sent to the Vatican by an American nun in 1995.

The report chronicled cases of sexual harassment and violence in 23 countries. It also quoted the case of a priest who had presided over the funeral of a nun who died after undergoing an abortion at his insistence, and that of a community of 20 nuns who all became pregnant at the same time.

With a report from AFP

Oil firms told to pay P150B in back taxes

TAX deficiencies of the country's top oil firms incurred years back are big enough to wipe out the country's budget deficit, former speaker Manny Villar said yesterday as he urged them to settle their obligations with government.

"This money can be used to fund priority projects such as mass housing and livelihood programs," said Villar of the said tax deficiencies, estimated to reach at least P150 billion including interest, penalties and surcharges which remain uncollected.

This is according to data submitted by the Philippine Consumers Foundation Inc. from 1996-1997 supported by official ERB reports on all phases of production, sales, and payments of P43 billion in basic income and specific taxes.

As a result, the Executive Department has asked the help of the Department of Finance to make a preliminary assessment of the so-called big three—Petron, Caltex and Shell. In a letter dated March 15, 2001, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Waldo Flores asked the help of the DOF in investigating the oil firms.

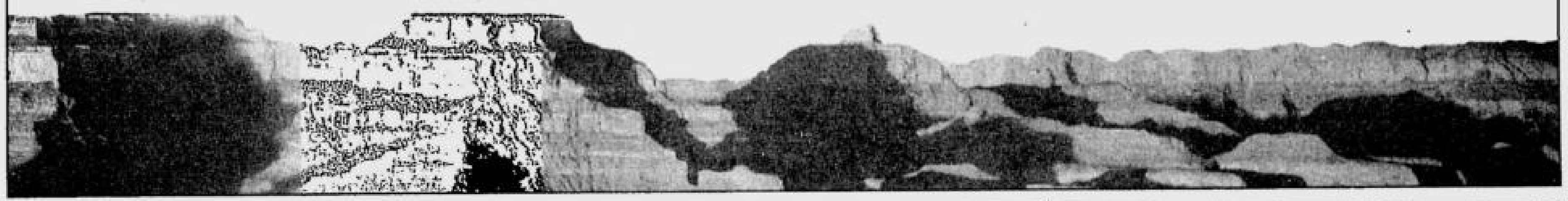
"It seems that the big three have not only milked consumers but have also not been paying the right taxes and cheating government and the Filipino people," said Villar.

The PCFI documents noted that based on their computation, instead of paying an income tax of P1.7 billion in 1990, Petron, paid only P29.1 million or a tax deficiency of P1 billion.

Shell paid only P254 million instead of P881 million. Caltex meanwhile, had total tax deficiencies amounting to P4 billion for one year alone.

Villar said that the deficiency involves "very large amounts," which if paid out can address many pressing needs of Filipinos.

"This must be thoroughly investigated and scrutinized with the objective of making these companies pay what they owe to the government," stressed Villar.



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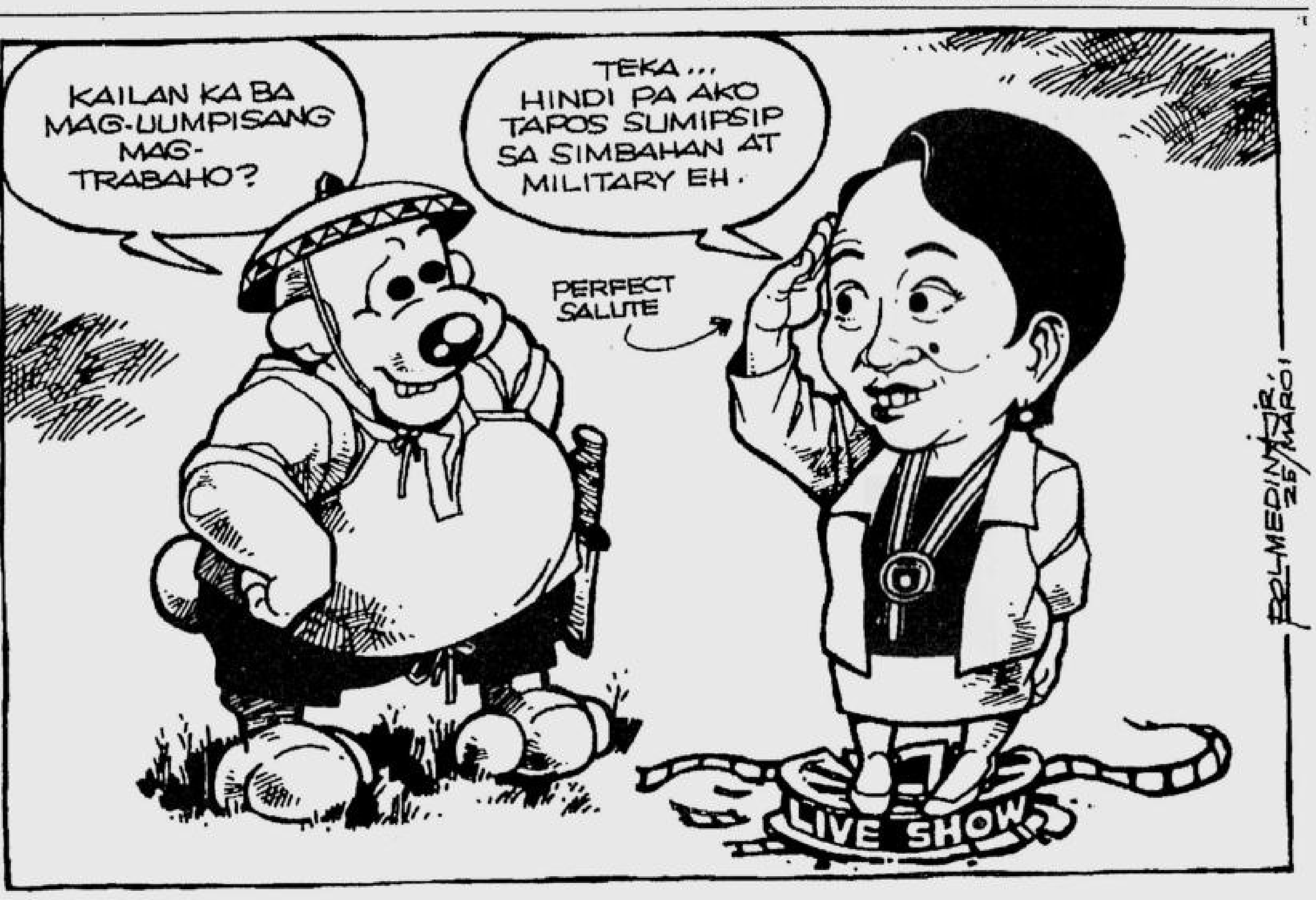
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Quick draw

EDITORIALS

KEEP those cell phones out of the sight of policemen. One of these days, a potbellied cop hard-pressed to impress his girlfriend may just order a couple of hard-luck boys to get him a mobile phone by hook or by crook. And you'll be stewed.

Consider PO1 Socrates V. Galvez, 31, of Quezon City. Eager to gift his girlfriend with a mobile phone, he allegedly ordered Richard Embile, 16, Francis Mijares, 16, and Joel Defeo, 22, to steal one for him. He threatened to file trumped-up charges against them if they did not do as he said. In the past, the policeman had charged the three with stealing side mirrors in Galas, Quezon City.

The three obeyed. Last Tuesday morning, they pounced on a nurse, whose shouts alerted PO2 Ruel Yepes. Yepes chased the boys, shooting down Embile and Mijares, and finally collaring Defeo. The dispatch with which he opened fire and killed the two boys is characteristic of cops who apply the iron fist on the powerless and the unarmed while using the kid glove on the powerful and the armed—but that's another matter.

Defeo confessed to the crime and pointed to Galvez as the mastermind. Now Galvez is charged with robbery and child abuse. It is not known if he has been able to impress his girlfriend by gifting her with a cell phone. She must have been impressed by it but has returned it because he would need it more to ease the monotony of jail life.

What does this episode say about life in the Philippines? First, cell phones may have catapulted the nation to the cyberage and the era of electronic communication, but they have also sent it deeper into the Dark Ages (or is it the Wild, Wild West?). Policemen who often complain of lack of communications equipment and cars to chase criminals have found a new source of irresistible temptation with which to show off their endemic roguishness.

The source of the temptation is the mobile phone. Now you know why incidents of cell phone theft and snatching have increased a thousandfold. Text your stolen phone. If he could read, the cop on the other line would perhaps admire your witty spelling.

Second, policemen start 'em young. We're talking here of street-smart kids who start a life of crime at the bidding of city slickers like policemen. Not only is this episode another evidence that the police are in cahoots with the underworld; it shows that the police sponsor the underworld. The policeman's best pal is the "police character," which is nothing but a mirror reflection.

The third lesson is almost a cliché: you cannot trust the police. The police may come up with the fanciest campaigns to "soften" or rehabilitate the image of the police in the community. But they will merely yield transitory successes because they don't strike at the heart of the matter: the corruption that appears to have become second nature in the police. The most imaginative PR campaign will not obscure the fact that corruption is tolerated in the force. At the least, it will not disguise the sad reality that rogue cops are the rule rather than the exception.

Fast break

ROGUE policemen want to impress not only their girlfriends but also the high and the mighty. That seems the case when the police let go of Ryan Jaworski, chief of staff and son of the senator, after he and his wife were seen allegedly buying illegal drugs in Makati.

How the couple was able to escape should be a spellbinding item in the chronicle of police incompetence. The policemen said that when they chanced upon the transaction, they accosted Ryan Jaworski who was on board a Ford F150 with his wife. When they "invited him for questioning," the young Jaworksi allegedly showed them his calling card then sped off, almost running over one of them. Apparently the card had a magical force and the policemen just stood there dumbstruck, as if in a trance. They didn't give chase or radio their colleagues to intercept the Jaworskis. They stood there dumbfounded, as if watching Robert Jaworski dressing down a referee with expletives as tortuous and smacking as his name or his dirty playing.

After getting over the swoon, the police have filed drug-pushing charges against Jaworski and his wife. But they have expressed fears that the case would not prosper because of the senator's influence.

Their fears have basis. If the police couldn't enforce the law without regard for station or position can they be expected to perform professionally in the prosecution of the case? Hardly. If this were basketball, the policemen would be players giving losing games at the behest of fixers.

Saber-rattling again

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE NPA generalissimo is at it again. He's saber-rattling again, this time at the lady President. He didn't get his way with President Estrada, and now he thinks he can bully President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo because she's a woman and petite. I hope she'll prove him wrong and put him in his place.

Jose Ma. Sison still has delusions of grandeur. He likes to think he's another Lenin, directing the operations of the local dissidents in the safety of his asylum in the Netherlands. While his followers risk and lose their lives in the jungles of our country, he's sitting pretty in his comfortable quarters abroad. He dreams of one day returning to the Philippines in triumph as head of a Communist regime.

Lenin is now discredited in the dismantled Soviet Union. His tomb in Moscow is now disdained by the new generation of Russians disenchanted by his revealed villainies. There's a famous statue of the fallen leader in St. Petersburg, with his arm outstretched as if pointing grandly to his destiny. The joke now is that he's only pointing to the German restaurant.

Sison may be respected by his supporters now, but he's bound to be also mocked for his absurd pretensions. It's only in this sense that he will be like his idol Lenin. A similar fate awaits Sison's sidekick, the defrocked priest and expatriate Luis Jalandoni. This man has no right at all to negotiate with our government because he is not even a Filipino. I don't see why our officials should deal with him at all.

The two are singing the same song again. Like foreign potentates, they are again demanding that the negotiations between the Philippine Republic and the NPA be conducted on "neutral ground" as befits two equal states. They are unwilling to come to this country because this would reduce their imagined positions as sovereign heads. They want our representatives to instead meet with them at Utrecht or some other foreign site, as Chamberlain went hat in hand in 1938 to Munich, where Hitler haughtily received him.

Let's be done with their arrogance. They're actually pipsqueak leaders only trumpeting an alien ideology and directing terroristic activities on orders from their foreign masters. That does not entitle them to the belligerent status that they insolently claim when they are no more than ordinary criminals in this country. As instigators of the spate of murders and kidnappings of persons opposed to their movement, they are liable under Philippine law as principals by inducement.

Their designation of some of their hostages as "prisoners of war" is ridiculous. The NPA dissidence is at best an insurgency; it certainly cannot be considered belligerency. There is no civil war in this country except in their mind. Followers of the NPA when arrested (not "captured") are treated as mere lawbreakers and prosecuted under the Revised Penal Code and other applicable municipal laws.

Under international law, an armed uprising can be considered a belligerency only if it recognized as such either expressly or impliedly. The legitimate government may recognize it by a formal declaration or impliedly by, say, blockading a port held by the rebels, as Lincoln did during the American civil war. Implied recognition by third states may be done through a proclamation of neutrality.

While there are no legal prerequisites of recognition, the practice of states would condition the recognition of belligerency upon the following: (a) a civil government directing the rebels; (b) occupation by them of a substantial portion of the national territory; (c) seriousness of the conflict, leaving doubt as to the outcome; and (d) observance by the rebels of the laws and customs of war.

Tested by these requisites, the NPA is a flunker. It has no civil government to speak of unless you consider Sison a dictator *in absentia* exhorting his people in his three-piece suit. The NPA does not occupy a substantial portion of our territory, and there's little hope of its forces overcoming the Republic. There's no doubt either that its operations do not conform to the international conventions on the conduct of the hostilities but are no more than mere banditry or lawlessness.

Many people were disturbed when President Fidel V. Ramos yielded in 1995 to the demand of Sison and Jalandoni to hold the peace talks with our government at Brussels. His dealings with the Misuari group in concluding the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development agreement in 1996 were also alarming. The talks were held in Jakarta, with the participation of a foreign negotiator styling himself as an ambassador and another as the secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

Some writers suggest that formal talks with the insurgents will lead to an implied recognition of belligerency, but this view has yet to be generally accepted in the international community. Still, there is the danger that our negotiators with Mutt and Jeff on "neutral ground" will result, if in nothing else, in the claim that the Philippine Republic has impliedly recognized the NPA as a belligerent community.

The consequence of such recognition is that the relations between the legitimate government and the rebels will be governed under the laws of war. The belligerent community will be considered a separate state for purposes of the conflict and its soldiers, when captured, will no longer be subject to the municipal law of the legitimate government. They will instead be regarded as nationals of the enemy and entitled to be treated as prisoners of war.

The argument that the venue of the talks is immaterial because peace is the ultimate objective is a *cul de sac*. Chamberlain's "peace in our time" only bloated Hitler's ego and strengthened his resolve to wage war against the world.

I hope President Macapagal will, in this singular matter at least, emulate former President Estrada and reject the insurgents' demand that the peace talks between them and our government be held in foreign territory. They are in no position to dictate to us. The negotiations should be held in this country and nowhere else, or not at all.

Welcome home!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I'VE seen it before, I've seen it often, but it still breaks my heart to see a child running after a father who is about to leave. Although he is ignored or altogether refused, the child holds on, and tries to follow, and looks in the direction where his father has gone, long after he has gone.

Reverse the roles, and we can understand the story, the feelings, the drama of today's Parable of the Prodigal Son. (Lk. 15, 1-3, 11-32) In this case, it is the father who runs after the son, who awaits the son's coming home, who embraces the son. This concept, this reality of a God who loves us as a father never ceases to amaze and overwhelm me. "Really? God loves me? God loves me that much?"

Too good to be true, but, it's true! You and I are loved by God more than we know! Unless and until we have learned to accept God's unconditional love, we have not learned enough in life.

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His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin beautifully described God as a "Running Father," a Father who runs to meet his children, a Father who goes out of His way to search and embrace His wayward children, and who never stops, never gives up until they have found their way home. The path leading home is always available and always well lighted. You won't miss it, unless you refuse to see it, or pretend not to see it. Do not stay away from the light too far or too long. Time to go to the "red light district"—the confessional box with a red light, and come home to the Father, and experience a really joyous homecoming.

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When was the last time you made a good confession? My confessor for many years was an old retired priest, Fr. Robert Winkler, SVD, who worked for many years as a missionary in Mindoro. Through him, I experienced God's constant and unfailing forgiveness. He always ended every confession with the words "All will be well again..." Words of hope, healing, consolation and new beginnings.

You have a date with the Lord. Don't miss it. Don't postpone it. If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

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Here's a modern day Prodigal Son story related to me by a well-to-do and respectable couple. Last year, their eldest son whom they loved so much left their house and eloped with a girl. For one whole year, the couple had no idea where their son was. The son in turn never contacted them because of his pride. He ended up poor and hungry, working in some shoe factory and washing dishes.

Last Christmas Eve, he finally had the courage to call his parents. Christmas Day, he showed up in their home with his pregnant wife. You can imagine the joy of the couple to see their son alive. He was thin, haggard, smelly and dirty. They embraced him and they took him in, including the wife and their coming *apo*. All the pain and hurts and anxieties just vanished the very moment they embraced their lost son. They welcomed him, including the wife who was not exactly to their liking, but whom they accepted wholeheartedly because she is a part of him.

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The story, however, does not have a happy ending. Some weeks ago, the girl took the child and their *apo* whom they have learned to love, and left them with so much pain and hurt.

How will the story end? *Abangan*. The couple told me though that if ever the girl decides to come back, they will accept her, without conditions. In the meantime, all they can do is wait and pray.

It's the same with our loving Father. He always awaits us. He never gives up on us.

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March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation. There is a grotto at Christ the King dedicated to Our Lady of the Annunciation. It is the place where I and so many other people go to and find peace and comfort and experience the embrace of our Mama Mary.

Yes, come by sometime, especially every first Saturday for the 9 a.m. Healing Mass. We can always run to our Mother for whatever need we have. More than that, we can be assured that our Mother will be the one to run to us when we are in danger.

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For some years now, I have been involved with the XVDs, a group of former SVD seminarians and priests who still want to carry on their mission in the "outside" world. They are the ones who were once called, but were not "chosen"—the "prodigal sons," they say. The only message I keep repeating is the message of the Loving Father's unconditional love. I always remind them that they were not chosen to become priests or brothers, but they are still called to love and to serve, and are still very much loved by God. Every Friday night, the group comes together to pray and share at the Christ the King Seminary.

We are having our first recollection for the year in La Union this weekend courtesy of our elder and founder Bobby Alvarez in whom we have always experienced a welcoming father.

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A moment with the Lord:

Thank you, O God, for you are our Father who always welcomes us home. May I too be welcoming, and be a home for others. Amen.

Cold War chill

NEWS ANALYSIS

Robert Burns

There is only one superpower now, and that fact fuels Russian and Chinese suspicions that the United States wants to use its singular status to dominate the world

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration's relations with former Cold War adversaries are off to a chilly start.

"A fallback to the Cold War epoch," one Russian official says of Washington's ouster of dozens of Russian diplomats. These included four believed to have dealt with Robert Hanssen, the FBI agent accused of stealing US national security secrets for 15 years before his arrest last month.

But it's more than spy wars.

It's US complaints that Russia is selling ballistic missile and nuclear technologies to Iran and other countries hostile to the United States. Moscow's retort: the Pentagon is gripped by a "Cold War logic."

It's US concerns that, on an issue like missile defense, Russia is trying to divide the United States from its European allies. Russia's response: The administration of President George W. Bush is encouraging a new arms race.

When Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in February called Russia "part of the problem" in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, Russian officials accused him of spouting Cold War rhetoric.

And it's more than just Russia. The Bush administration faces heightened tensions with China over US arms sales to Taiwan. And it has taken a pause in direct dealings with communist North Korea, prompting the North Koreans to threaten to pull out of missile and nuclear restraint agreements.

The era of superpower contests, pitting the United States and its allies against the Soviet "empire" and what some considered a communist menace in China and on the Korean peninsula, is long over. There is only one superpower now, and that fact fuels Russian and Chinese suspicions that the United States wants to use its singular status to dominate the world and dictate to others how they should behave.

"This administration came in with an extremely different view of the world" than the Clinton administration's national security team, said Daniel Goure, who was an adviser to the Bush campaign on defense and foreign policy issues. "They do not see America's role as creating a like-minded community of nations," and so are not following former President Bill Clinton's approach of closely engaging Moscow and Beijing.

Sandy Berger, who was Clinton's national security adviser, said in an interview Thursday that the Bush administration is right to recognize that with the unraveling of the Russian economy and military "there is a significant inequity" in world power between the United States and Russia. But Berger said he hoped the administration would not see that as a reason to hold the Russians at arm's length. "It's extremely important that we remain engaged with them," he said. "It would be a mistake if we downgraded our level of engagement with them."

"I don't think we're returning to the Cold War," said Sen. Richard Shelby, the Alabama Republican who is chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "I think the administration is pointing out what the American people need to know, and that is the truth that we do have competitors in the world. Not everybody is our friend."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday he told his Russian counterpart, Igor Ivanov, that the administration's expulsion of Russian diplomats should be considered a closed matter. "We have important interests in maintaining cooperative and productive relations with Russia," Powell said.

Bush himself said the expulsions were "the right thing to do," and his press secretary, Ari Fleischer, said Bush intends to have a policy toward Russia that is "marked by realism," an apparent allusion to Bush's belief that Clinton harbored unrealistic hopes of changing Russia's behavior.

The Russians, however, took a dim view of Bush's move. Ivanov's deputy, Alexander Avdeyev, said the expulsions were evidence that the administration was out of step with the times, and he referred to the fact that Powell and other Bush Cabinet members served under President Bush.

"The team hasn't been working for eight years," Avdeyev told RTR state television. "It doesn't know what today's Russia is like."

Some signs of less friendly relations emerged late in the Clinton administration. After the Russian submarine Kursk sank in the Barents Sea last August, killing 118 sailors, Russian officials initially blamed the catastrophe on a US submarine. And last October, Russian jet fighters buzzed the USS Kitty Hawk in the Sea of Japan, stirring Pentagon officials to liken the incident to Cold War provocations.

AP

Reacting to 'Live Show'

AT LARGE

Rina
Jimenez-David

"BECOZ of d opaque manner in which Tiongson was sacked, we demand a Toro investigation!" is a text message making the rounds. "Bold *ito, ha*!" one of my textmates texted back when I forwarded the message.

Indeed, "Live Show," a.k.a. "Toro," the movie is the stuff not just of text messages and text jokes these days, but of newspaper columns, TV and radio, party talk and e-mail. And not just within these shores. A recent batch of e-mail responses to a couple of columns on the "Live Show" controversy demonstrates that the issue has resonance far beyond our national boundaries. And though some of the correspondents have yet to see the movie for themselves, this hasn't stopped them from weighing in with their views. A sampler:

All the way from Watford, Hertfordshire in the UK, Norrie Blackeby, a UP Mass Communication graduate who confesses to being "a fanatic about food (as well as) a film buff," writes that "much as I do not relish watching films of this genre, I feel uneasy about the blurred lines between the Church and State" that the controversy highlighted. "I am curious to know what the man (or woman) of the street feel about the looming specter of religious traditionalists playing such a heavy part in politics? It is a scary thought, I don't mind saying," she adds.

Norrie says she feels "sorry for the film industry out there. There is no lack of talent as far as directors and writers are concerned...just the lack of backup. If Vietnam could come up with the 'Scent of Green Papaya'—a truly remarkable film—then surely, we could do the same. I could say the same thing about China. I am sure there are a lot of topics yet to be written about our culture, aside from the lurid sex. There is more about the Filipino than meets the eye."

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WRITING at midnight from Vancouver, Canada, Robert Arciaga couldn't go to bed without contributing his views on the controversy, saying "most people have missed a crucial point."

Says Robert: "To me, 'Live Show' should be withdrawn, but not because it is, or could be, a smut film. I have not seen it, but newspaper reviews indicate that the film's topic delves into how difficult it is to survive in the Philippines, and that people have to resort to put on raw sex shows to earn a living. To me this is an unwitting airing of very dirty linen...I would not want a film, shown internationally, that will build an impression that our country is so poor that our citizens have to be sexual 'low-lifes.' We claim to be a Catholic country. We claim to be well-educated. Through People Power we claim to have a working democracy. And yet we also show ourselves as dirt poor?

"Bad enough that the Philippines may have become known for its *Japayukis*, its chambermaids, orderlies and care-givers. Now, our own filmmakers are helping in the negative image-building.

"Filipinos living in foreign lands have become sensitive (to) the image of our home country. We have become sensitive to the sudden coolness of treatment by people of other ethnic persuasions as soon as they learn that we are from the Philippines. We do not want to be type-cast as maids or orderlies, or *Japayukis*, and now maybe 'Toros!'"

Well, Robert, in the first place, we are dirt poor, and not only in the economic sense, but also in terms of justice and common dignity. Perhaps the next time a foreigner who has seen "Toro" or "Live Show" snubs you because he or she thinks all Filipinos are live sex performers, you might want to point out that you've seen "Striptease" and don't think all Americans are exotic dancers. (Sorry, I can't think of a Canadian film just now.)

Bob Gabuna, a Pinoy expat residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba says he could "sense your indignation that oozes from your pen, over the controversy over the firing of the chair of the MTRCB."

"You have a point—extremely powerful words," he says. "You said it when you raised the following categorical questions: What did we fight for at Edsa...Was it to install a new morality...in governance? Or, was it merely to restore the power of the old elites? Quo Vadis, Edsa Dos?"

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CLOSER to home, Dr. Jopet Gomez from Dagupan declares that "I do not need Cardinal Sin, Msgr. Soc Villegas, Sonia Ronda, Etta Mendez and their minions to tell me what movies I should watch and not watch. I know what is good for me so you people, just back off and go back to the Jurassic era where you belong! We are fortunate that Dr. Nicanor Tiongson had the guts to stand up for our freedom of expression. *Mabuhay ka* Nic Tiongson!"

Josefina Menandro, address unknown, writes that "there is no doubt that 'Live Show' is a well-crafted film. I say so because when I watched it (twice in different theaters) I was looking for a well-crafted film. The problem with this film or any other film for that matter is the audience's interest. If one is searching for moral enlightenment, he/she will find a lot. Watching it is like facing a hundred mirrors reflecting one's values...If one is looking for pornography, he/she will also find a lot. He/she would, however, be very frustrated because the film itself refuses to reveal any pornographic intent on the part of the filmmaker. It is the viewer's imagination and intent that would have to supply it.

"And that's the problem with those 'church moralists' or should I say 'moral hypocrites.' They look for pornography when in fact it is already in their minds and hearts even before they watch the film. In fact I am certain they will also find pornography in the Bible if they read it with a pornographic mind-set."

Mobs, crowds, and people power

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy
David

IT happens all the time. A political earthquake loosens the ground on which hierarchies and institutions rest. Suddenly, the venerable structures that have governed our daily lives are exposed for what they are: the sediments of past agreements based on fragile trust. The unspent energy from the last earthquake discharges itself in little tremors, challenging targets that cannot hold their ground in the shifting sand.

In the last few weeks following People Power II, we have seen its residual force close in on its quarry. Often, the object of the hunt is a holdover ranking official, an appointee of the previous regime, who, invoking his eligibility or right to a term, ignores signals for him to resign. Notable examples are Administrator Felicito "Tong" Payumo of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, who invokes tenure, and Director General Ramon "Ike" Seneres of the National Computer Center, who claims civil service eligibility. But sometimes even the new appointees become suitable targets because they are perceived to be either arrogant or unqualified or simply unacceptable to their personnel or the constituencies that nominated them. We see this at the Department of Education Culture and Sports(DECS), the Department of Tourism (DOT) and, more recently, the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB).

In all these situations, people power cloaks itself in the legitimacy of the mother of all people power, i.e. the one at Edsa, and invokes the same values that united people in the original upheaval. It draws its boldness from the constant reminder that if the people were able to get rid of an elected president, they should have no trouble dealing with smaller tyrants and misfits in office. This is a transitional period in the life of a society, when accountability to articulate publics becomes more pronounced than ever. During such times, power and authority momentarily lose their untouchability, and their complacent wielders become fair game for any organized hunt.

Political transitions like the one we are presently undergoing reveal the basic fault lines of bureaucracies and institutions. In the ideal bureaucracy, a person is appointed to an office in recognition of his expertise, and is shielded from political pressure by a fixed tenure and clear lines of authority. In real life, however, no bureaucracy works precisely according to the ideal. Office holders find that it is never enough to invoke their authority to keep things going. They must also earn the respect and trust of their subordinates. They have to win and establish their legitimacy in the eyes of the people with whom they work. This is the unspoken rule in all organizations.

In normal times, a bureaucrat may be able to function for an indefinite period solely on the basis of his appointment papers. The line of authority is taken for granted. He is presumed to be the best person for the job. But in a time of flux, the fault lines become active; what was previously accepted on trust is now questioned. Authority must show its credentials as well as actively fortify its support from within and without.

People power may be seen as a mechanism for renewing trust in young societies like ours. In this sense, it strengthens rather than erodes institutions in the long term. It is a reminder to leaders and public officials that while power may be acquired by election or by appointment, its continuing effective exercise is always ultimately founded on trust. When the people withdraw that trust, no constitution or organizational by-laws can be invoked to restore it.

Trust is the glue of societies. In stable democracies, public officials do not have to earn it all the time. But in transitional societies like ours, with a relatively low level of institutionalization, those who wield power must constantly work to acquire and renew the confidence of their constituencies. The best way to earn trust and legitimacy is through competent performance as measured by results. But all too often, many officials find an easy path in existing channels of patronage and public relations.

No amount of people power can succeed in ousting a public official who enjoys enormous confidence and support from within his own organization and from the constituencies he serves. Any move by a disgruntled minority to oust him will almost always be met by an active manifestation of support from the key players who themselves command substantial clout within the organization or community. It is difficult to fake such support because it has to be sustained. The biggest of the key players, of course, is the appointing authority itself. An official beleaguered by people power who receives unqualified affirmation of confidence from the appointing power increases his chances of keeping his post compared to one who, as it were, is left alone to defend himself.

People power draws its strength from the intrinsic energy of crowds. What distinguishes it from mob rule is that after attaining its goal, it consciously reins in this energy, quietly disperses and preserves itself in a militant public. But the ground continues to shake for sometime, until the swell subsides. People have lost their fear and their awe of power, and so for a while, they will be seeking other targets.

"Much of the feverish excitement of such times," said the writer Elias Canetti of revolutionary periods, "is due to the rapid succession of innumerable executions." The call for resignation is the closest analogue we have of an execution.

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The mufti rule

COMMENTARY

Candido P. Filio

ONE definition of "mufti" in American English is "ordinary dress as distinguished from that denoting an occupation or station, especially civilian clothes as worn by a person in the armed forces."

Now, the "mufti rule" is a beautiful tradition in the United States. It says that military personnel are not appointed immediately to any civilian government position upon retirement, resignation, or any other form of separation. They must have shed their uniforms—or be in mufti—for at least one year before they are appointed. The idea is for them to demilitarize their thinking and acquire that "civilianized" outlook and orientation demanded of their new positions. Thus, we have seen very remarkable cases in the United States.

As US Army chief of staff, the diminutive Virginia Military Institute graduate Gen. George C. Marshall influenced greatly Allied strategy in World War II. Retiring in 1945, he was appointed secretary of state by President Harry S. Truman in 1947, or two years later. He introduced the European Recovery Program otherwise known as the Marshall Plan. Appointed secretary of defense in 1950, he went on to play a big role in the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Capt. Alexander Haig was the tactical officer at West Point of our colleagues in PMA Class 1956, Joven Villanos and John Foss. Haig's last military position was as Nato supreme commander from which he retired in 1979. President Ronald Reagan appointed Haig as secretary of state in 1981, or two years later.

From history to current events, we now have retired Gen. Colin Powell, who was recently appointed secretary of state by President George W. Bush. Born in 1938, he was only 51 when he reached the peak of his career as the four-star chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989, the youngest ever and the first non-white to reach the position. When the elder President Bush ventured into state terrorism by waging the Gulf War in 1991, Powell was Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's military mind in carrying out the war against Iraq. Thus, Powell was already several years in mufti when he was appointed to head the State Department.

Is the mufti rule good only for Americans? Some of our colleagues love to say that the Philippine Military Academy was patterned after the United States Military Academy at West Point. But why did we not copy also the American motto of duty-honor-country? Fully stated, it says that one must perform his duty to his country with honor. Beautiful! It shows the professional-client relationship, as well as the quality of that relationship.

Instead, our forefathers picked up three items—courage, integrity and loyalty—to form the PMA motto. But this choice is fraught with many problems. There is a principle in law that what is not included in an enumeration is automatically excluded. Moreover, the three items themselves are very vague.

For instance, is courage limited to physical courage? What about moral courage?

Is integrity limited to money and other pecuniary items? What about intellectual integrity?

And what kind of loyalty should a soldier have—Hubbard's canine loyalty, or Hirschman's functional loyalty? Another question: Loyalty to whom?

Like the US Military Academy motto, the mufti rule is a beautiful tradition we should have adopted. Its need and relevance in the Philippines were graphically expressed by a lady senator when she was fighting a newly retired general who had been a member of the House of Representatives: "*Wala ka nang mapipiga diyan. Pulbura na ang utak niyan!*"

The tragedy of the Armed Forces of the Philippines is that President Marcos tried to destroy it so he could use it for his own political and economic interests. Gen. Romeo C. Espino, AFP chief of staff from 1972 to 1981, claimed that he tried his best to prevent Marcos from bastardizing the Armed Forces completely. Gen. Luis Villa-Real, however, did not believe Espino. He thought that the Marcos general had not done enough—or at least, he should explain how he tried to prevent its destruction.

With Marcos gone, however, the tragedy continued. Indeed, the West Pointer Gen. Fidel Ramos, as AFP chief of staff, was the "wrong man for the right job" of renewing—and professionalizing—the Armed Forces. With Corazon Aquino as commander in chief, the duo continued to bastardize the military.

Among the culprits was the mufti rule, which they made into a sorry—and funny—spectacle late in January 1988 when President Aquino appointed Ramos as secretary of national defense. So, Ramos changed into *barong* and went up the DND building to relieve retired Gen. Rafael Ileto.

As in a "dressing formation" among PMA cadets, the next day, Secretary Ramos donned his military uniform again, so he could preside at the turnover parade for new chief of staff, Gen. Renato de Villa. Indeed, Ramos set that ugly precedent in the military.

Now President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo appointed Gen. Angelo Reyes as secretary of national defense immediately upon his compulsory retirement this month. But of course that is her prerogative.

I know the new defense secretary well enough. At the PMA, where I was a mathematics instructor, Reyes graduated No. 7 in the class of 1966 with 81 members, several of whom were later to earn their stars. In 1967-69, when, as captain, I was secretary of the army general staff, Lieutenant Reyes was aide-de-camp to Gen. Ruben Maglaya, commander of the Philippine Army.

In 1969, I was awarded a scholarship to take up Urban and Regional Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Reyes followed me to Cambridge when he got a scholarship to the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, where he earned a master's degree in public administration. Back home, he later earned a master's degree in business administration from the Asian Institute of Management. In other words, I have watched the general grew in his career.

Knowing Reyes, therefore, I believe that it is unfair for him to become the alter ego of a puppet President. Therefore he should have declined the new appointment. Instead he should have used the time to prepare to be president in 2004.

I am writing a book titled: "Choosing the Next President." My thesis is that never again should the Filipinos elect someone as incompetent, etc., as Aquino, as crooked, etc. as Ramos, or as all-of-the-above, etc. as Estrada. In this book, which I hope to publish in April 2001, Reyes is my front-runner among the possible presidential candidates.

When I started writing the book last year, I thought and hoped that Estrada would be the last in our line of "pussycat" presidents. (Please see my "The 'pussycat' president" in the INQUIRER issue of April 13, 1998.) Now, Ms Macapagal has all the signs of being another pussycat president. Will Reyes be the one to end the regime of pussycat presidents in the Philippines?

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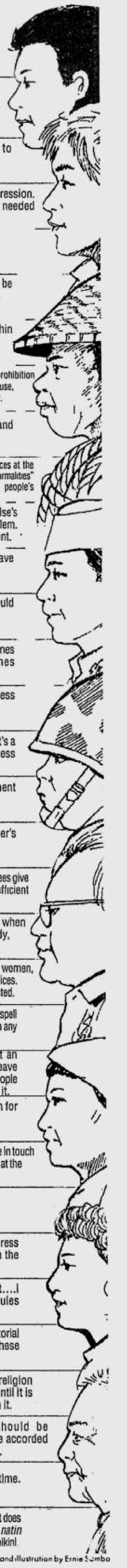
How do you solve a problem like Estrada?

STARTING this Sunday, the INQUIRER will publish the stand of senatorial candidates on issues that concern voters. For this issue, the candidates were asked about their stand on ousted President Joseph Estrada, full disclosure of campaign finances, labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO) in food and cross-gender dressing in government offices.

These were among the concerns students, young professionals, women, the urban poor, farmers, clergy, Muslims, handicapped and environmentalists raised in the INQUIRER focus group discussions. Other concerns were identified in interviews with groups representing consumers, senior citizens, veterans, government employees, overseas Filipino workers, organized workers, fisherfolk, indigenous peoples and gays.

In succeeding issues, this section will run other citizens' concerns and the corresponding positions of the senatorial aspirants of the major political parties and the independents.



Senatorial Candidates (Interviews by Juliet Javellana, Christine Avendaño, Dona Pazzibugan, Volt Contreras and Gerald Lacuarta)	What to do with Erap	Full disclosure of campaign finances	Labeling of GMO	Cross-dressing in government offices
Adaza, Homobono (Independent)	Prosecute him.	Yes, everybody should disclose the amount and the names of donors so people will know whether candidates are beholden to donors.	If some have already entered the country, let's have them labeled.	Why not? What's wrong with cross-dressing even in government offices. They (gays) are just showing their individuality.
Angara, Edgardo (LDP, Pwersa ng Masa)	It will be wise to allow justice to take its course without interference.	There's too much soft money going around from undisclosed donors with vested interests. So let's bring them to light.	It's still in the testing stage. Afterwards, let the biosafety community give its scientific advice.	*Bakit pa yan tinanong?* (Declined to answer)
Arroyo, Joker (Ind., People Power Coalition)	The law should take its course. Once charged, he must be arrested and jailed.	I'm in favor. Comelec should not abdicate its role in checking the campaign contributions.	Labeling is important because there should be truth in advertising. Before this, we must be sure that GMOs are safe.	Dressing is a part of one's freedom of expression. It can't be curtailed. No regulation is needed except when he dresses indecently.
* Canoy, Reuben (LDP, Pwersa)	Restore Erap as President and proceed with the impeachment proceedings.	In favor.	I am in favor of labeling genetically modified organisms.	I am against it.
Chato, Liwayway * (Ind., PPC)	He should be haled to the courts of justice to answer for all the crimes he has committed against the State.	Yes—for transparency.	All products that affect the health of humans should be labeled as to their nature and ingredients.	The Civil Service Commission should be given the leeway to decide on this issue.
* De Castro, Noli (Ind., Pwersa)	He should be given his day in court.	Yes. Politicians must be careful in accepting campaign contributions in order not to compromise their integrity.	Yes. People must be informed of the health implications of eating GMOs.	This may be allowed as long as it is within the bounds of decency. This is within the scope of freedom of expression.
Defensor Santiago, Miriam * (PRP, Pwersa)	The plunder cases will be unconstitutional unless the impeachment trial is continued and unless it ends in a conviction.	The present law on campaign finance is a charade because everybody lies and Comelec is unable to prosecute the liars.	I am in favor of labeling to give consumers freedom of choice between equally affordable GMO and non-GMO foods.	It's unconstitutional to prohibit cross-dressing. A prohibition violates the right to privacy, the equal protection clause, and the provision protecting equality before the law.
Drilon, Franklin (Ind., PPC)	No one is above the law. Charge him and let him defend himself in court.	I will disclose my campaign finances. It's in the law.	I have no objection to that. The consumers should be informed.	What is cross-dressing? I don't understand (laughs) and you can quote me on that.
Ejercito Estrada, Luisa * (Ind., Pwersa)	I still believe in the justice system, even if the SC decision, based only on a diary of an executive secretary, stripped him of the presidency.	A candidate must make public all financial support and contributions. We should guard against overspending and illegal contributions.	There is no scientific evidence yet that GMOs are non-hazardous to human health. They must be labeled.	As a Catholic country, we tolerate sexual preferences at the personal level. But for gov't to recognize certain "abnormalities" is to go beyond its basic principle of protecting people's morals.
* Enrile, Juan Ponce (Ind., Pwersa)	He should be given the opportunity to defend himself. We are not ruled by mobs and kangaroo courts.	What the law says, the candidates should follow.	Anything that benefits man is welcome. But we should guard against tinkering too much with God's creation.	As long as everyone respects everybody else's personal rights, there should be no problem. Discrimination may only breed discontent.
Flavier, Juan (Lakas, PPC)	Let the wheels of justice turn. I'm open to his going abroad but with the firm guarantee that when the court hearings begin, he will return home.	We should improve the disclosure system. But some donors do not want to disclose that they made contributions to the candidate.	I have a bill that will require labeling of these products. Label clearly whether the potato or corn in the product is GMO.	It doesn't bother me provided they behave and act according to the rules.
Herrera, Ernesto (Lakas, PPC)	If he committed a crime, so be it. Just give him due process.	We should disclose so that those who get funding from drug traffickers and illegal sources could be held accountable.	Let us improve information dissemination to our people about the advantages and disadvantages of these products.	To avoid that issue, the government should impose the wearing of uniforms.
Honasan, Gregorio * (Ind., Pwersa)	The Office of the Ombudsman and the Supreme Court should act judiciously on the cases sans political pressures.	I'm for full disclosure of campaign finances and contributions.	Until sufficient scientific studies have been made declaring GMOs safe, their entry into the country must be disallowed.	It can be allowed but there must be guidelines on the type and design of clothes homosexuals should use.
* Lacson, Panfilo (LDP, Pwersa)	Let the courts decide the fate of the former President.	We wanted transparency that's why we followed the American style of raising funds.	We need a strict labeling system and scientific evaluation process to ensure that these don't pose a health hazard.	Civil service rules already prescribe a dress code in government offices.
Lozano, Oliver (KBL)	I call this a Solomonic solution. VP Macapagal Arroyo shall be acting President. Estrada shall be President on leave with immunity from suit.	Yes, so people will know who are supporting us.	I am for natural food.	There's nothing wrong with being gay. It's a matter of attitude. If it's going to harness their creativity, then why not?
Madrigal, "Jamby" (LDP, Pwersa)	We should follow the Constitution.	Why not?	I'm very much against genetically modified foods. They should be labeled.	If there's dress code in each government office that should be followed.
Magsaysay, Ramon Jr. (Ind., PPC)	He has to accept the fact that he committed illegal acts. He has to be accountable for his actions.	If an honor system is practiced, I'll be for full disclosure. However, I don't think any candidate would like to disclose the sources of their campaign funds.	GMOs are one way to feed hungry people. There's no need at this point to differentiate them from natural products.	There are people who wear other gender's clothes. Leave them alone.
* Mercado, Orlando (Ind., Pwersa)	Some sectors want Estrada handed over to a lynch mob. But I am confident that in the end, the law will prevail.	Yes, but subject to close study of procedural and regulatory models currently observed in the US and Britain.	The labeling of GMOs is a practice whose time has come.	I see no problem in this so long as the employees give due regard to decorum, professional and efficient performance expected of civil servants.
Monsod, Solita (Aksyon Demokratiko, PPC)	No one is above the law.	Absolutely necessary. I'll tell you exactly how much I got. As long as the people who helped me are willing to be publicized.	I'm for it. We must label all processed products to assure the health of our people.	What the hell is cross-dressing? (Laughs when told) Why not? If it doesn't hurt anybody, as long as it's not offensive and vulgar.
Morato, Manuel (Independent)	Let the justice system prevail.	Yes on the amount of contributions received. *Ang sumobra ibalik.* However, the confidentiality of the donor must be protected.	Yes. Consumers have the right to proper information on the food they take.	No. It is scandalous to allow men to dress like women, or women to dress like men in government offices. The dignity of the public office must be respected.
Navarro, Rod (Independent)	Due process to me is still the name of the game.	I'm not at all asking for anybody to donate. If I do so I may have to reciprocate the favors granted me and that would derail my desire to help people.	I must confess I am not yet familiar with the subject.	Adam and Eve were not even given a chance to spell the word 'sartorial'. So I believe dressing up (in any desired manner) is a right of an individual.
Osmeña, Sergio III (PDP Laban, PPC)	The law must take its course. The survival of democracy is always predicated on the rule of law.	That's part of the law. Let's disclose them.	Let's label them.	What is cross-dressing? (told) Is that an issue? Really? *Susmaryosep.* I would leave that to the bureau heads because some people are more conservative and won't allow it.
Pagdanganan, Roberto (Lakas, PPC)	Let the law take its course.	Yes, absolutely.	They should be labeled so we can give consumers the option whether to take these products or not.	(Laughs) It's OK with me. I admire them for their creativity and it's their right.
* Pangilinan, Francis (Liberal Party, PPC)	Let the law take its course. We keep on saying no one is above the law. Let's walk the talk. It's about time.	Campaign funds should be open to post-election audit. The disclosure of campaign donors will probably be an impossible requirement to comply with.	I don't know enough about this.	Why not? That should help everyone get more in touch with their feminine or masculine side. Not all at the same time though. It might be distracting.
Puno, Ricardo Jr. * (LDP, Pwersa)	Due process should be allowed to take its course. We have to abide by whatever final decision the Supreme Court would make on this case.	It's only appropriate for all candidates to disclose their poll expenses and identify their contributors in the name of transparency.	No answer.	No answer.
* Rasul, Santanina (Ind., Pwersa)	Let justice prevail.	Yes. There should be.	I agree. Labeling is one of the measures the government should consider to protect the public.	Government employees should have a dress code different from those who work in the entertainment industry.
Recto Ralph G. (Lakas, PPC)	That's the hardest question of all. (Laughs and then turns serious.) Let the wheels of justice determine that.	Definitely. We should have campaign finance reforms. The private sector should subsidize political parties.	Agree.	(Laughs.) I have a liberal mind but....I disagree. There are civil service rules (concerning government uniforms).
Sabio, Camilo (Independent)	Let the Constitution take its course.	We should do it because the law requires it.	It would be unwise for me to answer that now. If I were a senator I would conduct a hearing on this issue.	(Chuckles) I'm not in favor of that. Senatorial candidates should not rise or fall on these questions.
Tamano, Ombra (LDP, Pwersa)	He is still the President, legally.	Yes. I'm the candidate with the least campaign posters. The contributions I get are mostly in kind.	That's right, so people can make a choice. When you tinker with nature, it is not morally right.	I don't believe in that. Based on my religion and my culture, it is something new. Until it is accepted, I don't want to conform with it.
Tañada, Wigberto (Liberal Party, PPC)	Prosecute the cases against him. No one is above the law.	There is already an existing law. It only needs strict implementation and enforcement.	I filed a bill which would require all food products that have genetically-modified components to be labeled.	(Laughs) I don't believe they should be discriminated against. They should be accorded full respect, just like any human being.
Villar, Manuel Jr. (Ind., PPC)	Let the courts decide. We have to respect the judiciary on this.	I'm all for it. I don't see any problem with it. Ok *lang.*	I am for labeling because developed countries are doing this.	Our society is not ready for this at this time.
Yasay, Perfecto (Independent)	Try him.	Yes. It is important that we know where the candidates are getting the funds.	Yes to allowing the entry of genetically modified produce but with appropriate labeling or warning.	Everyone is free to make a statement provided it does not violate the rules of decency. *Hindi naman natin siguro papayagan 'yung mga* gays *na mag*-bikini.

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JAMBY'S ARMY

Senatorial aspirant Jamby Madrigal woes the hearts and votes of market vendors during her recent market visits. Jamby, the youngest candidate under the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino ticket, is running under a platform of women and children empowerment. "We love Jamby because she has long fought for the rights of children, especially the poor and the neglected. Her integrity is without question and she will definitely do well as a senator," one of the vendors was quoted by her campaigners as saying.

Kidnap suspects sue PNP execs for torture

THE SUSPECTS in the March 8 kidnapping in Antipolo City of a Chinese businessman yesterday said that they were tortured and arrested and detained illegally by operatives of the Criminal Investigation and Detention Group (CIDG) of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

In a letter-complaint to the Commission on Human Rights, the complainants said they were arrested and detained without a valid search warrant from the court by the CIDG on suspicion that they were involved in the kidnapping of Peng Chang, a Chinese-Filipino magnate from Antipolo City.

During a press conference at the CHR, they also vehemently denied involvement in kidnapping activities and membership in the Communist Party of the Philippines.

The complainants were released by the CIDG after the Department of Justice issued a resolution stating that there arrest and detention were illegal.

The DOJ resolution stated that "it is clear from the facts that all the suspects were charged for kidnapping and serious illegal detention allegedly committed on March 8, 2001 and they were only arrested separately on March 16, 17 and 18, 2001 without any warrant of arrest."

"Under the circumstance, the arrest made was unlawful as it does not fall under the exceptions under Section 5, Rule 113 of the Revised Rules of Criminal Procedure," the DOJ resolution said. Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito R. Zuno approved the DOJ ruling.

Charged before the CHR for illegal arrest, detention and torture were Senior Supt. Jesus Verzosa, Police Supt. Edgar C. Danao, PCI Aaron V. Recla, PCI Ferdinand M. Vero, PSI Danilo S. Morzo, PSI Nereo A. Terrocampo, P/Insp. Cornelio D. Amoyan, P/Insp. Primitivo F. Gutierez, PO3 Raul C. Bolido, SPO1 Danilo B. Castro and PO1 Holden D. Villanueva.

The complainants also included in the charge PNP Chief Director Gen. Leandro Mendoza and Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto for allegedly allowing their officers and men to commit the illegal acts.

The complainants presented separate medical certificates by the Medical Action Group (MAG), a non-government organizations of medical personnel showing that they were allegedly tortured using the so-called "water-cure and electrocution of sensitive parts of the body" which were a common practice by the police and the military against suspected rebels.

Ex-Mayor Javier Zacate of Sulat, Eastern Samar, Johnny Zacate, Christopher D. Balena, Wilmor DC Agbon, Ricky Z. Ocate and Roger Evardone signed the letter-complaint.

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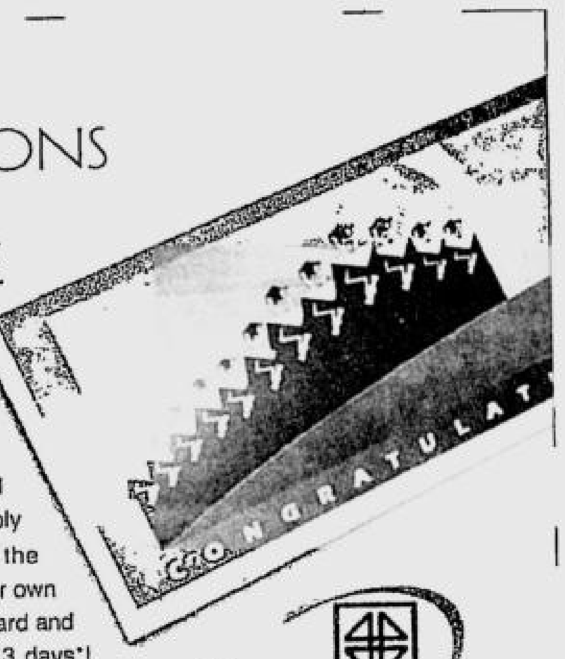

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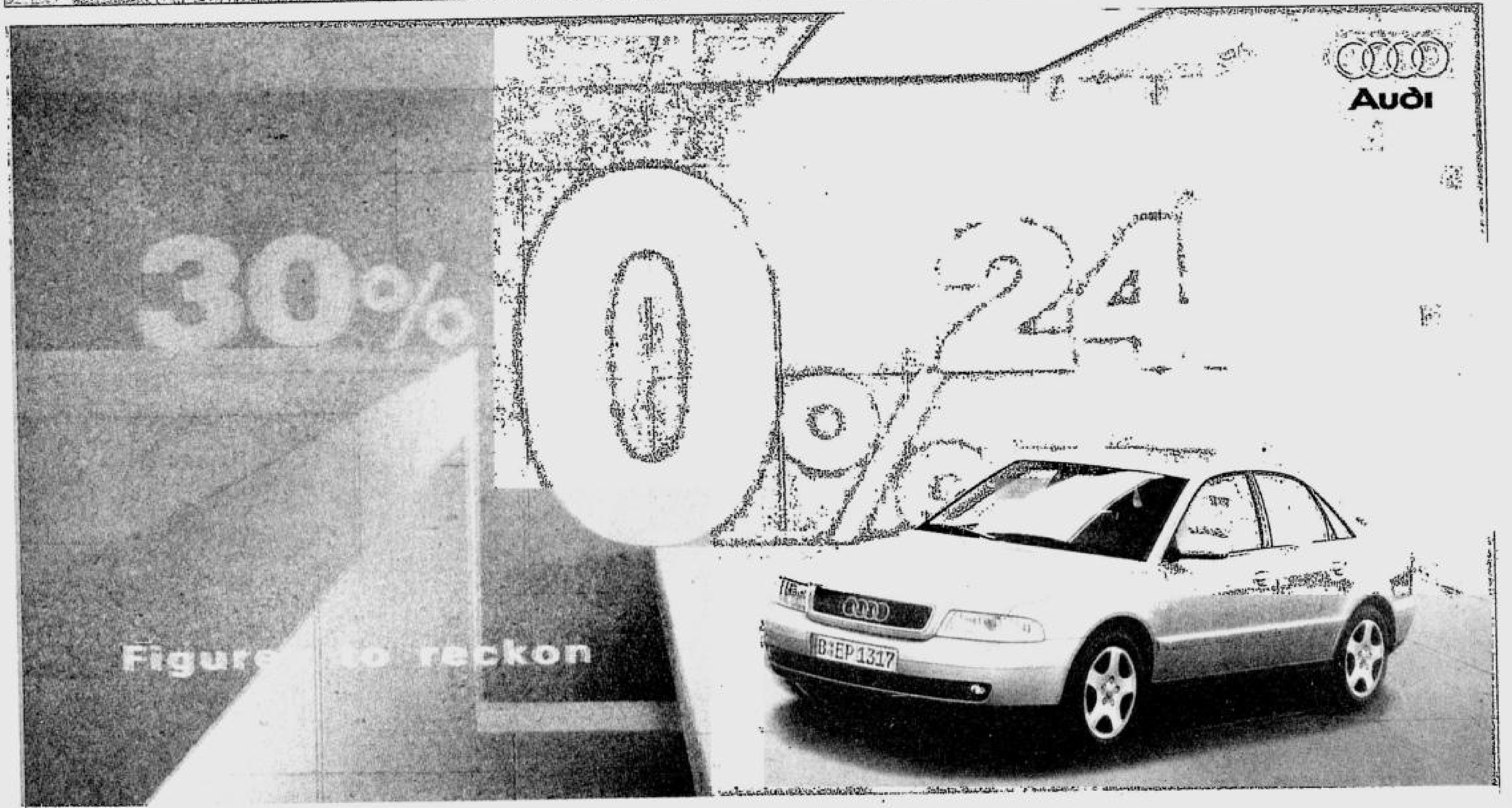

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US may expel more Russian envoys

WASHINGTON—The United States held out the prospect of further retaliation Friday, but sought to play down the impact on US-Russia ties of the worst spy scandal since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell indicated that, for the time being at least, the round of tit-for-tat expulsions of 50 diplomats for each side was considered closed.

Bush, whose two-month old administration is encountering friction with Moscow on a broad sweep of foreign policy issues, suggested that ties would survive the spy flap and may even prosper.

"I believe we can have good, strong relations with the Russians. They'll just understand my administration is one that takes firm positions when we think we're right," said Bush, who approved the US expulsions announced Thursday, deeming them the "right thing to do.".

His remarks came hours after US officials said that Russia had ordered 50 American diplomats out of the country in full retaliation for Washington's expulsion announced Thursday.

Bush's spokesperson Ari Fleischer said the president was aware of the Russian retaliation and considered the affair closed but would not rule out similar "appropriate action" in the future.

Powell indicated that the United States would carefully weigh the Russian response before determining whether any further action was required by Washington.

"We have not received anything from them yet in the way of names and details, so it would be inappropriate and not useful to comment on what might happen if the response seems not to be appropriate or out of proportion or balance in some way," Powell said.

"We are anxious to get this matter behind us and at this point, as of this afternoon, we still consider it a matter that is behind us, but we haven't seen the totality of the Russian response yet," he told a small group of reporters at the State Department.

Earlier Friday, US officials confirmed that Russia, which announced it was expelling four American diplomats immediately, had in fact ordered an additional 46 to go as well by July 1.

The total—50—mirrors the number of Russian diplomats ordered expelled from the United States on Thursday: four within the next 10 days and 46 by July 1. *AFP*

Powell confirms defection of Chinese colonel

WASHINGTON—US officials confirmed Friday the defection to the United States of a senior Chinese colonel who vanished in New York last year while on a visit with a group of Chinese military officials.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the individual was in good health, and that the United States "made the Chinese aware about his presence and that's as far as I want to go on it."

Although Powell stopped short of calling it a defection, other US officials confirmed the accuracy of a Washington Post report that said a senior colonel from the Peoples Liberation Army general staff defected last year in the United States. *AFP*

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China: US destroyer sale to Taiwan could mean war

WASHINGTON—China's deputy prime minister told the United States that selling US weapons to Taiwan could provoke war in the Far East.

Qian Qichen also sought to diminish his nation's image as a military danger and violator of human rights, saying Friday that it was "groundless to clamor" about a China threat.

He told members of the US-China Business Council, however, that US interference in the Taiwan Strait, through new arms sales to Taiwan, would make an explosive problem worse. Beijing considers Taiwan a rebellious province and claims a right to reunify it with the mainland by force if necessary.

"There's already a spark there. If you pour oil and fuel over the spark, the spark will turn into a great flame," Qian said. "We don't want to see flame of war there."

The Chinese must resolve the issue among themselves, Qian said. "It brooks no foreign intervention," he said.

In Beijing, President Jiang Zemin took a slightly milder tack in an interview with The Washington Post, published on the newspaper's website Friday night. Jiang said the sales would force China to accelerate modernization of its military forces.

"We absolutely oppose the sale of advanced weapons by the United States to Taiwan," Jiang said. "If the United States were to sell advanced weapons to Taiwan such as the Aegis system, that would be very detrimental to China-US relations."

Taiwan has requested four Arleigh Burke destroyers, among the US Navy's most advanced ships, which normally are equipped with Aegis combat radar systems.

In the Post interview, Jiang urged Bush to consider the strategic benefit to the United States of China's friendship. "The United States has to look at US-China cooperation from a strategic standpoint, looking at strategic interests," he said.

"I don't have a naïve or romantic view that the strategic partnership proposed by President Clinton was a relationship free from struggles or containment. It involved both," he said.

"Conversely, I do not believe that the competitor that President Bush talked about does not contain any element of cooperation."

Qian's talk to business leaders ended his first trip to Washington for meetings with President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and other administration leaders about arms sales to Taiwan.

US foreign policy follows a "one-China policy" regarding the communist-led mainland government and Taiwan, and relations with the island are on an unofficial level. Under the 1979 law that brought diplomatic relations with the mainland, however, the United States is committed to sell Taiwan weapons necessary for its defense. *AP*

France expands measures to stop foot-and-mouth to national level

PARIS—France on Friday extended measures taken to stop foot-and-mouth disease to a nationwide scale after a second outbreak of the illness was discovered on a farm just outside the capital.

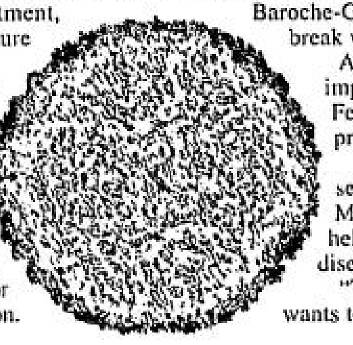
The new outbreak was found at a cattle and sheep farm in the Seine-et-Marne department, some 50 km east of Paris, the agriculture ministry announced late Friday.

Local officials said the 100 cattle and 200 sheep on the farm, which was not named, were to be destroyed as soon as possible, perhaps beginning Friday evening.

Authorities placed the farm and a three-kilometer radius around it under quarantine, and police set up outposts 10 kilometers away to monitor the movement of livestock in the region.

The first outbreak of the highly contagious animal illness was discovered in the western department of Mayenne on March 13.

As a precautionary step, Agriculture Minister Jean Glavany said measures being taken against the spread of foot-and-mouth, such as a ban on exports of meat and untreated dairy products, would be extended nationwide.



A CRYSTALOGRAPHIC X-ray of the foot-and-mouth virus. REUTERS

On Thursday, Glavany said he was becoming more confident with each passing day that a "way out" of the foot-and-mouth crisis would be found.

Earlier on Friday, the authorities said that tests carried out on 48 piglets destroyed on March 14 at Baroche-Gondouin, near where the first outbreak was found, had proved negative.

A further 137 calves that had been imported from the Netherlands on Feb. 21 were also destroyed as a preventative measure.

Meanwhile, France said it would send 14 veterinarians to Britain on Monday following an appeal for help in combating foot-and-mouth disease by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"The French government, which wants to show solidarity with the British government, has decided to respond to the appeal by the authorities," the ministry said in a statement.

Blair said on Thursday that he planned to call for help from Britain's European partners because the 1,100 vets already mobilized were unable to cope with the increasing number of outbreaks. *AFP*

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Violence greets plan to build new settlements

GAZA CITY—A Palestinian was killed by Israeli troops near a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip Friday, as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government risked throwing fuel on the fire by proposing to build yet another settlement in the Palestinian territories.

Only hours after Sharon returned from the United States, where he repeated that there would be no peace talks as long as violence continues, Osama Hassan Selim, a 25-year-old Palestinian security officer, was shot dead by the Israeli Army in Deir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip near the Kfar Darom settlement, Palestinian medical sources said.

His death brought to 443 the number of people killed since violence broke out in the region nearly six months ago, most of them Palestinians.

Another 36 Palestinians were wounded as demonstrators and Israeli troops clashed around the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the evening, a convoy carrying Amnesty International secretary general Pierre Sane was fired on by an Israeli Army stun grenade as it toured the southern Gaza Strip, an official from the human rights organization said.

Kamal Samari, who was travelling with Sane, said the attack, which did not injure anyone. "looked like it was deliberate."

"If they fire grenades when we're here, it's not hard to imagine what they do when we're not here," Samari said.

Upon his return from the United States on Thursday, Sharon said he had won US backing for his refusal to negotiate with the Palestinians under fire.

"There will be no negotiations under pressure and violence," Sharon said at the end of his trip.

But meanwhile, the Israeli housing ministry, led by right-wing Israel B'Aliya party leader Nathan Sharansky, said it had proposed construction of yet another Jewish settlement, southwest of Jerusalem. *AFP*

Kosovo leaders urge rebs to disarm

TETOVO, Macedonia—Ethnic Albanian leaders from Kosovo, including former guerrillas who fought a fierce battle there against Slobodan Milosevic's forces, are urging their brothers in neighboring Macedonia to lay down their arms and opt for a peaceful resolution of disputes with the country's majority Slavs.

A joint statement was signed by two key former Kosovo guerrilla leaders—Hashim Thaci and Ramush Haradinaj—as well as Ibrahim Rugova, known for his peaceful struggle against Serb repression in Kosovo.

"We, the leaders of political parties in Kosovo, call on the extremist groups, which have taken up arms on the territory of Macedonia to lay them down immediately, and to return to their homes peacefully," said the declaration published Friday. "We urge the Macedonian government to show restraint and to address and resolve the grievances through peaceful and democratic means."

The declaration represented a victory for Western efforts to pressure the rebels by showing that their struggle was not supported by Kosovo's leadership, and it followed intense international pressure on the Kosovo leadership to distance themselves from the insurrection.

Thaci was the head of the Kosovo Liberation Army that fought Serbian forces, and Haradinaj was a senior commander of the outlawed guerrilla army.

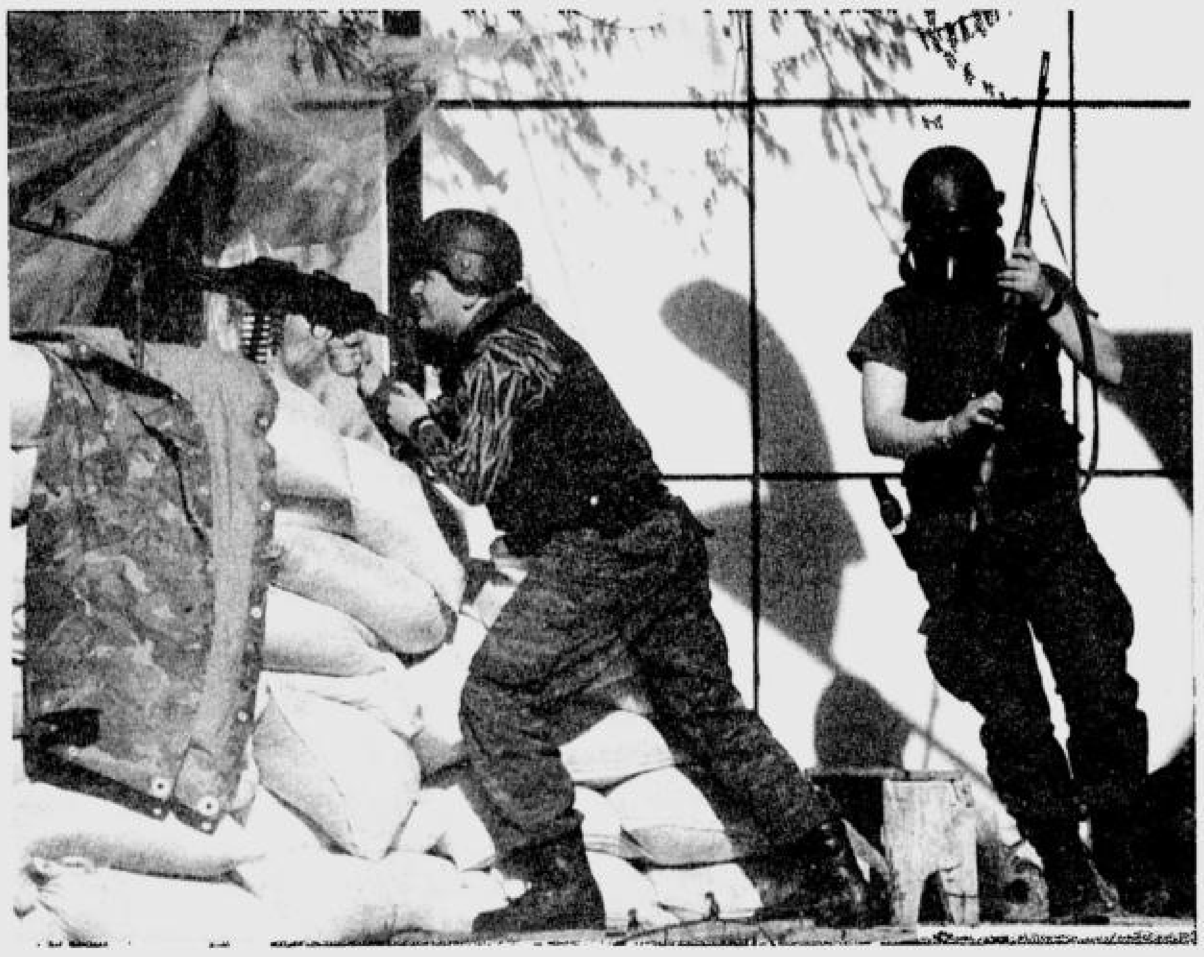
The ethnic Albanian struggle in Macedonia has been linked to the war in Kosovo. Although the rebels in Macedonia say their aim is more rights for ethnic Albanians within Macedonia, the government accuses them of seeking independence—like the KLA did in Kosovo—and drawing on Kosovo for fighters and weapons.

Still, after the more than five-week struggle, many ethnic Albanians appeared too radicalized to heed any appeal for peace, even from such influential figures.

Sentiment for continued armed struggle was strong Friday among the ethnic Albanian men streaming into the city's main cemetery Friday to mourn a father and son killed in a police shooting.

Hundreds sat among the pointed gravestones to grieve for Razim Koraci, 54, and his son Ramadan, 38, gunned down Thursday just outside a police checkpoint downtown.

"Everyone has had enough," said Mahi Loku, a relative. "There is no way out now." *AP*



MACEDONIAN policemen shoot the positions of rebel ethnic Albanians in the hills above Tetovo March 23. Tensions were high in this battlefront town as ethnic Albanians buried a father and son gunned down by Macedonian police Thursday in a failed grenade attack on the machine gun position. REUTERS

Floating bits of Mir worthless, say experts

NADI, Fiji—Space experts who traveled to the South Pacific to watch Russian space station Mir plunge into the ocean have good news and bad news for anyone thinking about salvaging the wreckage.

The good news is parts of the 137 metric ton wreck may be floating just below the water's surface and could wash up on a populated Pacific island.

The bad news is any salvaged junk will likely be next to worthless—even to people like James George, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Space Frontier Foundation, one of about 30 space buffs who joined an expedition to Fiji to watch Mir's fiery descent Friday.

"A salvaged chunk of Mir . . . I personally wouldn't pay a whole lot for it. Mir's down and it's old news," George said Saturday.

"You look at the auctions that happen in Los Angeles all the time, of US and Russian space memorabilia, and you're talking intact items like helmets, valves, gloves and parts of suits. The value is at best a few hundred dollars unless the item is really significant."

Russian mission controllers successfully shunted the 15-year-old Mir out of orbit Friday and sent it on a blazing path into a remote corner of the South Pacific.

Most of the space junk burned up in the atmosphere but bits of Mir survived the fall. Although much of the debris will have sunk, pressurized fuel tanks and other empty containers may have enough buoyancy to float close to the surface, said Rick Citron.

Citron, a Los Angeles lawyer, organized the expedition of space junkies to watch Mir's descent.

"Many of them (pressurized tanks) will float, if not on the surface (then) just below the surface and those are the major pieces that survived . . . and could probably be found with simple sonar gear," he said.

Citron said the titanium balls used for fuel storage likely survived.

But Citron agreed that any salvaged bits of Mir would be unlikely to make their finders rich.

He said one of his clients had tried to sell pieces of the US Skylab space vehicle, which disintegrated over Australia on re-entry.

"He didn't make anything out of it."

Financial consultant and space watcher Robert Hillhouse, 50, of Fullerton, Calif., said pieces of the Berlin Wall were fetching nothing, "and everyone's got a piece."

Having fallen in international waters, it was open to anyone to try to recover pieces, said George.

"I personally wouldn't want to bet my fortune on running a salvage operation to haul that up . . . I just don't think its worth that much," he said.

"Its not like having a chunk of Titanic." *AP*

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2 dead in Hiroshima quake

TOKYO—At least two people were killed and 24 injured as a powerful quake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale rocked the Japanese city of Hiroshima and its environs yesterday, local reports said. A 75-year-old woman in Hiroshima, 600 km west of Tokyo, was crushed to death as her house collapsed in the quake, according to Jiji Press news agency. A 50-year-old housewife was also killed in Ehime, located on Japan's Shikoku island, 700 km west of Tokyo, it said. Two people were seriously injured and 22 people, including two high school students, suffered light injuries, the news agency said, quoting police sources. The high school students were injured as a wall at a school gymnasium collapsed, it said. *AFP*

India ruling party gets new president

NEW DELHI—A lawyer was chosen yesterday as the new president of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's party, replacing the man who stepped down after videotapes showed him allegedly accepting a bribe in an undercover sting. K. Jana Krishnamurthy, a lawyer-turned-politician, was unanimously elected the new president of the Bharatiya Janata Party, the single largest group in the lower house, succeeding the scandal-tainted Bangaru Laxman, who quit March 13. A series of videotapes released by the website Tehelka.com showed senior politicians, bureaucrats and Army officers accepting money or offering advice to reporters posing as defense dealers on ways to win a government defense contract. Laxman was shown accepting a wad of rupees from the reporters in his office in footage captured by a hidden camera. He resigned but claimed that he had accepted the money as a donation to the party and not as a bribe. *AP*

Greenpeace founder dies in car crash

ROME—David McTaggart, one of the founders of Greenpeace International, who piloted boats into the teeth of the French Navy to disrupt nuclear testing, was killed in a head-on car crash on a country road in central Italy. He was 68. Police said McTaggart was alone in his car Friday. The driver of the other car also died and his wife was injured, police said. The accident happened in Umbria, about 30 km from Perugia. McTaggart, a native of Canada, had lived in Italy for many years and had an olive farm in Umbria. He galvanized the international environmental movement in 1972 by leading protests against French nuclear testing in the South Pacific. He went on to stir up support throughout Europe for Greenpeace, forging an alliance in 1979 among separate factions of the organization and uniting them under his chairmanship as Greenpeace International. He was chair until 1991. *AP*

Bush backs Annan's bid for second term

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush said Friday the United States supported UN Secretary General Kofi Annan for a second term in office. "My administration thinks he is doing an excellent job as secretary general of the United Nations, and therefore, we heartily endorse his second term as the secretary general," Bush said upon receiving Annan in the White House. Bush said that the United States looks forward to working "not only to make sure that you serve a second term but, once that's done, work closely with you to keep the peace and make the world more prosperous." Annan, 63, said Thursday he would seek a second five-year term as secretary general. His current mandate expires Dec. 31. The United States is the second permanent member of the UN Security Council after France to endorse Annan for a second term in office. Under the UN Charter, the secretary general is appointed by the General Assembly of 189 member states on the recommendation of the Security Council. *AFP*

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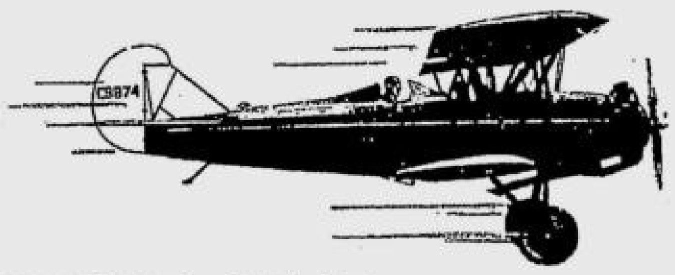

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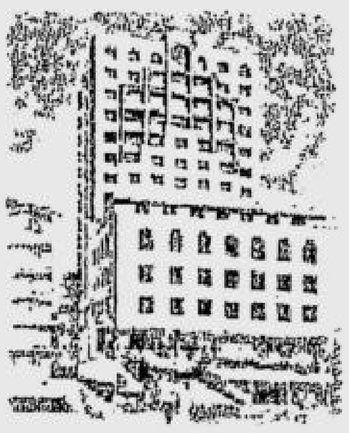

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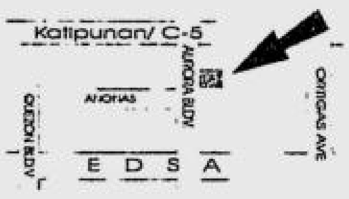

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Serpent eagles need help

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Two serpent eagles turned over to the regional Department of Environment and Natural Resources are in need of Good Samaritans to provide them food.

Isidro Nalupa, head of the DENR regional office's Protected Area and Wildlife Operations, said the office did not have funds for the upkeep of endangered species turned over to them, and had to depend on the employees' contribution for food.

Each of the serpent eagles (*Spilornis holospilus*) eats at least a kilo of fresh beef, fish or a live chicken every day. This means the employees have to contribute at least P200 daily.

"Sometimes, we just give them fish because it is less expensive. But serpent eagles, which are carnivorous, prefer beef or chicken," Nalupa said.

Serpent eagles are listed under the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species (Cites), a treaty that regulates the international trade of wildlife species.

Nalupa said the DENR has proposed a budget for turned-over animals for 2001, but it has not yet been approved.

"We are also proposing the putting of cages in the office for the animals so that we can better monitor them," he said.

Josae Nullar, a DENR employee, said the serpent eagles are their "house guests" and they do not mind having them because "they bring good luck."

Once the serpent eagles are physically fit, they will be returned to their natural habitat, a protected area in the mountainous area, of San Fernando City.

"Perhaps they will be ready to be released in June when the Environment Month is celebrated," Nalupa said. ***Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Local politicians fighting over PPC senatorial bets

By Raj Padilla
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PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition have to contend with local politics, which is affecting their campaign sorties.

In this city, for example, the PPC will not have a grand rally in Iloilo when the administration candidates storm the province tomorrow.

"To avoid irritants, it was decided that no political rally will be held. It's only mall and market tours for the candidates," the source said.

This is to avoid any spat between two conflicting local groups, the source told the INQUIRER.

Drilon vs Gonzalez

The source was referring to the conflict between the group being backed by reelectionist Sen. Franklin Drilon and the other supported by Iloilo City Rep. Raul Gonzalez and Mayor Mansueto Malabor.

Drilon, a PPC candidate, is supporting the mayoral bid of incumbent Vice Mayor Guillermo dela Llana, whose running mate is City Councilor Victor Facultad.

Gonzalez, one of the 11 House prosecutors in the impeachment trial of disgraced President Joseph Estrada, is backing the mayoral bid of former Councilor Jerry Treñas, whose running mate is Councilor Rolando Dabao.

Both groups claim to be administration candidates. The Drilon group is running under the PPC, while the Gonzalez group is under the Lakas-NUCD, a member-party of the coalition and political party of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Drilon earlier said he could not support Treñas because he had already committed his support to Dela Llana since June last year.

When Drilon, then Senate President, left then President Estrada to join the United Opposition late last year, Dela Llana and Facultad followed suit.

But Treñas maintained that it was their group, not Dela Llana's, that stood by Drilon and other opposition leaders during the calls for Estrada's ouster.

"We haven't seen them (Treñas) during the protest actions which eventually forced President Estrada out of Malacañang," he said.

Lakas vs PPC-LDP

In Iloilo province, both the camps of Vice Gov. Demy Sonza and former Rep. Niel Tupas have also been claiming to be administration candidates.

Sonza is running for governor under the Lakas-NUCD. His opponent, Tupas, is running under the PPC-Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino wing.

Sonza enjoys the support of Iloilo Rep. Manuel Parcon (3rd district), Lakas-NUCD provincial chair, and Gov. Arthur Defensor, Lakas chair for Iloilo 3rd district. Drilon is backing up Tupas.

In Roxas City, the hosting of the PPC rally on March 24 was fought over by the two opposing political parties.

Reelectionist Mayor Antonio del Rosario of the Liberal Party claimed their party had scheduled an "exclusive" rally for the PPC candidates at the Dinggoy Roxas Civic Center.

But former Gov. Esteban Contreras, Lakas provincial chair, said the PPC main headquarters had allowed him to proceed with their own rally for the PPC on the same date.

But Del Rosario said he was serious in his stand not to accommodate Lakas candidates in their rally unless Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II, the acknowledged LP stalwart in Capiz and PPC regional chair, tells him to do so.

Contreras countered that it was not a problem because the Lakas in Capiz would hold its own rally for the PPC candidates at the CAP Auditorium on Fuentes Drive.

He said the arrival of the PPC candidates in Capiz was something that should not be quarreled about.

LP exclusive

But Del Rosario insisted that the PPC candidates would be in Capiz on March 24 exclusively for the LP affair.

Observers recalled that when Sen. Loren Legarda of Lakas came on Saturday for the district convention of the Rotary, she was allegedly "snatched" by an LP stalwart upon her arrival at the Roxas City airport.

But the Lakas headed by Contreras succeeded in getting Legarda back for a scheduled press conference in Villa Patria.

In that press conference, Del Rosario and other LP leaders did not show up to welcome the senator and her party.

Guingona

In Davao City, Vice President Teofisto Guingona said the PPC was having a hard time resolving disputes among members of the coalition's allied political parties who are vying for local posts.

Guingona, who is also president of the Lakas-NUCD, said the PPC had decided not to make any arrangement with the local candidates of the parties under the coalition.

Local candidates, particularly in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley, are at each other's throats to prove they are the official candidates of the PPC.

Last week, the PPC senatorial candidates were forced to attend separate rallies staged by local candidates of PPC-member parties, the Reporma and the Lakas-NUCD in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley.

Compostela Valley Rep. Roger Sarmiento of the Lakas-NUCD is facing reelectionist Gov. Jose Caballero, the official PPC candidate.

In Davao del Norte, former Agriculture Secretary Roberto Sebastian of Reporma, who is also the official PPC standard-bearer, is challenging reelectionist Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario of the Lakas-NUCD. *With a report from Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

C. Visayas most awarded in fight vs illegal drugs

By Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAGBILARAN CITY—Central Visayas has taken all the national awards for local government units cited for their efforts in the campaign against illegal drugs.

Bohol won in the provincial category, while Tagbilaran was best in the city category in the Lupong Tagapamayapa incentives awards, the Presidential Awards for best performing local government units against illegal drugs.

The other winners were Talisay, Cebu, in the municipal category (Talisay was recently made into a city) and Barangay Talaga, Argao, Cebu, in the barangay category to make it a grand slam for Central Visayas.

The awarding ceremonies were held at the Heroes Hall of Malacañang on Wednesday.

Bohol Gov. Rene Relampagos said the award rightfully belonged to all people who actively took part in the campaign against illegal drugs.

He cited Supt. Lani-o Nerez, Bohol police director, for playing an active role in the anti-illegal drug campaign in the province.

"Our law enforcers are getting the right motivation from the top and so they are inspired to go all-out in the drive," Relampagos added.

The governor noted that the Bohol police command and the Tagbilaran police were among the leading performers in the region today.

Relampagos credited the cooperation among the local governments, law enforcement agencies, government agencies and the civilian sector for the successful campaign against illegal drugs.

Despite the tight watch, however, prohibited drugs gained entry into Bohol, particularly in areas frequented by tourists.

Mayor Toribio Bon of Panglao town said he would call a meeting of all resort owners following reports of drug shipments to Panglao from Cebu.

Bon said he would ask the cooperation of the 22 public resorts and five private-owned resorts to help fight any attempt to smuggle illegal drugs into the town.

Because of its white beaches and exotic dive spots, Panglao is now Bohol's leading tourist destination.

Bon said drug pushers might try to sneak in prohibited substances to tourists staying in any of the resorts in Panglao.

"Drug abuse is bad for the industry and we will do everything to prevent it from happening in our town," Bon said.

ROUNDUP

Cotabato flights

COTABATO CITY—Due to public demand, Philippine Airlines has increased its daily flights to Central Mindanao. Andy Mandanas, Philippine Airlines-Cotabato manager, said two more flights were added for the Manila-Cotabato-Manila route beginning Saturday. When PAL resumed the route last year after 10 months, flights were scheduled only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. PAL now arrives in Cotabato at 7 a.m. and departs at 8:35 a.m. for Manila. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Illegal recruiter

COTABATO CITY—Police on Thursday arrested a suspected illegal recruiter victimizing women who were promised stable jobs but ended up in videoke houses and beer gardens in Tacurong City. The suspect, Jack Roquero, of Tacurong, was arrested after a woman sought police assistance to rescue her daughter who was allegedly recruited by Roquero. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Fishpond application

INFANTA, Quezon—The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has rejected the fishpond lease application of former Mayor Macario Asistio of Caloocan City over a 15-hectare fishpond in Barangay Binulasan, this town. Asistio was given "a reasonable period of time to remove his improvements (on the abandoned fishpond) and the existing fish stock," in coordination with the local government. Infanta Mayor Roldan Velasco, however, found the order ambiguous. Some 1,500 people demolished the gates of the 15-hectare fishpond last month. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Lone campaigner

NAGA CITY—Except for two staff members and two crewmen of PTV 5, former Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado was by his lonesome campaigning here early March for a seat in the Senate. Mercado's fiery, crisp, sharp and matter-of-factly answers to burning issues were gone and instead a more amiable and personalized way of speaking with reporters has been observed. Mercado said he hoped to place 9th or 10th among the 13 winners. The former defense secretary said he would overcome his problem of lack of funds for elections by coordinating with the local media people. ***Juan Escandor, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao including Palawan will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

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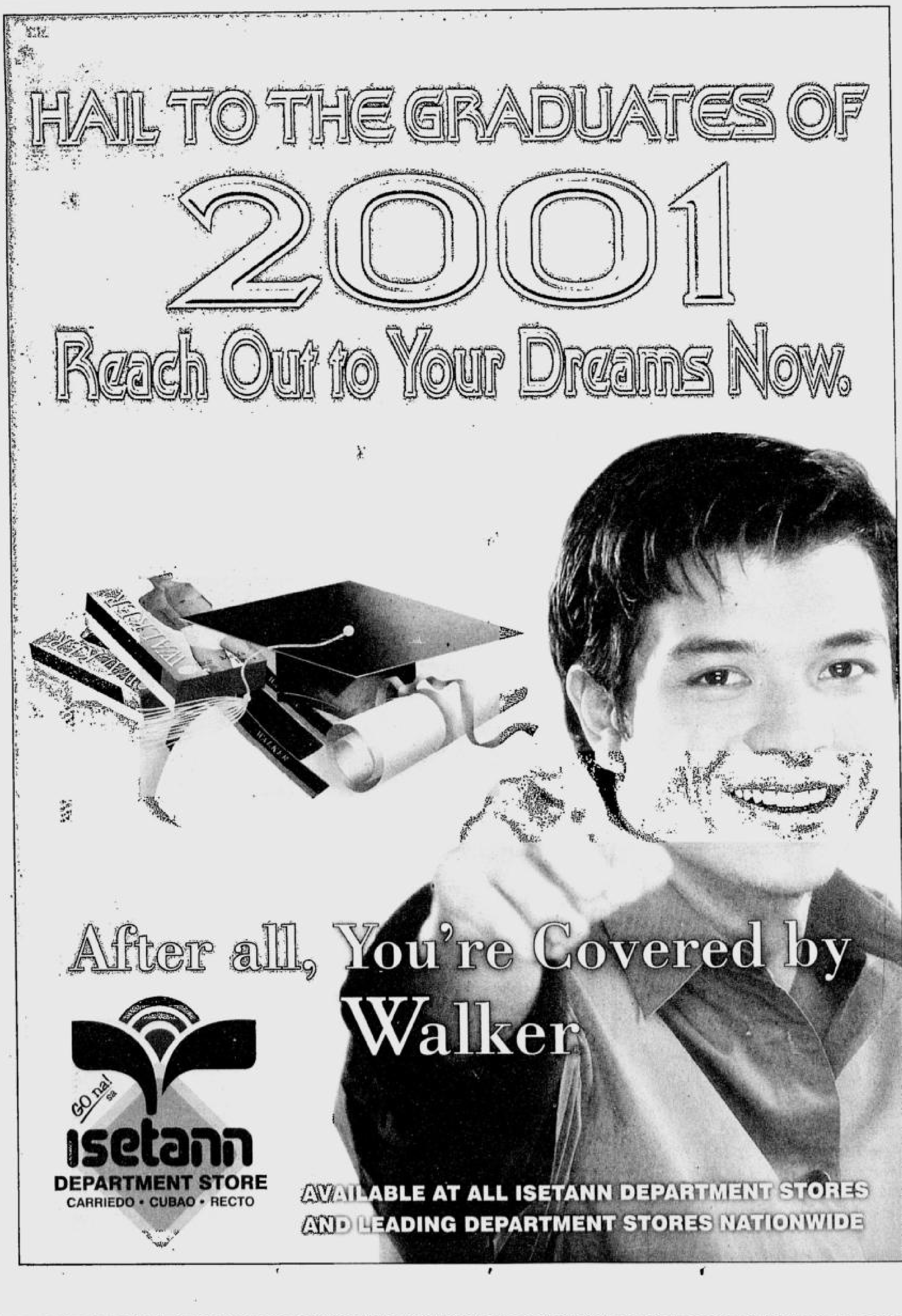
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Running priest urges voters: No to Loi, no to dynasties

By Elizabeth Marcelo
PDI Central Luzon Desk

OLONGAPO CITY—Running priest Fr. Robert Reyes on Wednesday urged voters to junk the senatorial bid of former first lady Luisa Ejercito as he brought his "anti-*trapo*" running crusade to Zambales, home province of the wife of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

"No to Trapos, No to Loi," Reyes declared as he led a 12-km run from Subic, Zambales to Olongapo City.

Describing the "*trapo*" (traditional politician) as a slave to power, he accused Estrada of trying to hold on to power by fielding his "used and abused wife" in the May 14 senatorial race.

"If Loi wins, Estrada's addiction to power wins; if Loi wins, we elevate a sick woman who supports a sick man to public office to be a paragon (and) model for other women. We allow slavery and addiction to power to win over the passion for genuine service and good governance," Reyes said.

In what is known as Gordon country, the running priest also rallied residents to junk "*trapos*" running for national and local posts, including those who perpetuate their hold to power by building political dynasties.

"*Tumatakbo ako para wakasan ang* (I'm running to end) political dynasty *sa* (in) Olongapo," Reyes said.

In each of the 12 stations covered by the run in this city, Reyes asked the crowd to name the "*trapos*" in the area. They answered "Gordon."

It was only at the Olongapo public market that Reyes' questions drew no response, except for an angry remark from an old woman who said, "*Tahimik kami dito, ginugulo n'yo lang kami.*" (We are quiet here, you are only disturbing us.)

Local coordinators of the run were stunned when Reyes made an unscheduled stop at the Olongapo market and entered what is known as the base of market vendors loyal to the Gordons.

It was not only the Gordons who bore the brunt of Reyes' tirades against "*trapos*." He challenged the two candidates running against incumbent Mayor Katherine Gordon to prove they are not "*trapos*" by uniting their forces behind only one opposition candidate.

"*Alam ko mayroon ditong dalawang kandidato. Hinahamon ko kayo, kung kayo ay hindi trapo, magkakaisa kayo,*" (I know there are two candidates here. I challenge you, if you are not traditional politicians, to unite.) Reyes said in his homily during the Mass held after the run at the Ulo ng Apo rotunda, renamed by local activists as Freedom Circle.

He recalled that Estrada won the 1998 presidential election because his rivals refused to unite, each one apparently blinded by the vast powers of the presidency.

Among the more than 10 local nongovernment groups that participated in the biggest show of opposition to the Gordons here were the Simbolo, which is identified with mayoral candidate Dean Edgar Geniza, and Free Olongapo Movement, which is supporting another mayoral candidate, Bobby Flores.

A new NGO came into the picture as the local groups that stayed on after the Mass turned the prayer rally into an anti-Gordon rally.

Copies of an open letter from a group called Confide or Concerned Filipinos for Democracy were distributed by Gordon's followers.

The letter asked Olongapo residents not to be deceived by the "demolition job and hate campaign" being waged by "dirty politicians and unscrupulous elements" from the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority against Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon and the city government.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Comelec control over Iloilo town urged after blast

By Ma. Diosa Labiste and Nestor Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The Commission on Elections and the Philippine National Police in Iloilo have recommended to the Comelec national office that San Enrique town be placed under Comelec control following last week's blast in the residential compound of a vice mayoral candidate.

Supt. Victor Boco, provincial police director, also ordered the relief of SPO4 Teodulo Añora, San Enrique police chief, and two other officers for failing to respond immediately to the incident.

The three lawmen were reassigned to the provincial police office.

Boco said he made the recommendation in consultation with Comelec provincial officer Tomas Valera to check the deterioration of peace and order in San Enrique due to intense political rivalry.

San Enrique, 54 kilometers north of Iloilo City, is the first area in Western Visayas to be recommended placed under Comelec control this election.

Under Comelec control, the town's police force, including the offices of the local government performing election functions, will be under the close supervision of the poll body.

The recommendation came four days after an explosion rocked the house of Julius Paclibar (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino), running mate of mayoral candidate Zafiro Palabrica.

Palabrica is running against Board Member Jose Fernandez Jr. (Lakas-NUCD), who is seeking the mayoral seat after his wife, Grace, decided not to run.

"I thank the PNP and Comelec for taking action on our request," Palabrica said yesterday over Aksyon Radyo in Iloilo. Fernandez could not be reached for comment.

Both Fernandez and Palabrica petitioned the Comelec provincial office to place their town under Comelec control on Wednesday.

Fernandez said the move would ensure that the elections in the municipality would remain peaceful and orderly.

For his part, Palabrica said the explosion at the house of his running mate was intended to "threaten and harass" Paclibar and the Pador-Garrido family, his close supporters.

The two candidates had earlier traded accusations after Fernandez filed a petition to disqualify Palabrica for failing to satisfy the one-year residency requirement of a candidate.

Fernandez said Palabrica transferred his residency from Bingawan town to Barangay Camiri, San Enrique, only on March 26, 2000.

Bulacan

In Central Luzon, police officials have listed Bulacan as an "election area of immediate concern" (EAIM), while Nueva Ecija and Pampanga were "election areas of concern."

Chief Supt. Enrique Galang, Central Luzon police director, said Bulacan fell within the criteria used by the PNP to determine if a place needs "immediate concern" from the police and the Comelec.

Galang said a province or town is classified a hot spot if it is affected by insurgency, violence occurred there during the last elections, intense political rivalry is present that may result in election-related violent incidents, and this year's election period is marred by poll-related violent incidents.

He said the Central Luzon police have been advised to monitor and act on reports of alleged "safe conduct passes for specific fees" being exacted by communist rebels on candidates planning to campaign in certain areas.

So far, he said, his men have not reported any case in the region regarding the collection of fees by rebels from candidates. ***With a report from Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Church leads campaign for voters' education

CALAUAN, Laguna—The Catholic Church's Social Action Center (SAC) here is spearheading a campaign to bring to the parish level the education of voters for the coming national and local elections.

Fr. Philip Atienza, Sac director, said about 100 Church leaders from the different parishes of Laguna gathered at the bishop's residence here Thursday to coordinate with the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting and the National Movement for Free Elections.

"It is our initial move to embark on a diocesan-wide campaign to educate our voters," Atienza said.

Carlito Noneil Santos, one of the speakers from the National Secretariat for Social Action, said it was the moral imperative of the Church to educate its constituents on matters that affect their lives and society.

He said the voters' education and active involvement in ensuring fair and just elections did not violate the doctrine of separation of Church and State.

"It is, in fact, the Church's right and obligation to speak and work on issues which entail the moral, economic and cultural lives of the people and also to remind leaders of their duties and obligations to serve the interests of their constituents," he said.

Lala Tacbad of the Southern Tagalog Secretariat for Social Action explained the concept of participatory politics, emphasizing the importance of every Christian's active involvement to achieve a better government and society.

Msgr. Jerry Bitoon, rector of the St. Peter Seminary in San Pablo City, said several civic groups have launched an ecumenical organization called Sperm (San Pablo Electoral Reform Movement).

The movement aims to work and support diocesan or province-wide efforts to educate voters and ensure honest, peaceful and fair elections.

Bitoon said that although the initiative began in San Pablo City, Sperm would be ready to assist any parish or town and barangay to prepare voters in the coming elections. ***Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Job seekers trooping to candidates' HQ

DIGOS CITY—Employment seekers have been trooping to candidates' headquarters here since the start of the election campaign, but only a few are taken in.

Vice Gov. Antonio Sunga, Lakas chair and standard bearer in the gubernatorial race, said funds were not enough to accommodate those seeking jobs as campaigners.

"There are a lot of applicants. In fact, every day, people come to me to ask for jobs but I said the party has not enough money to accommodate everyone," Sunga said.

But those who want to help if are only given allowances are welcome, he said.

He declined to say how much allowance was given a "volunteer" but added that was enough to support a family's needs.

Reelectionist Rep. Douglas Cagas, chair of the Nationalist People's Coalition in the first district, said an average of 10 people come to him daily in the hope of finding work even only during the campaign period.

"I could not give them false hopes because there is really little or no money for that," Cagas said.

He said the influx of job seekers only strengthened claims there are more people now who cannot sustain their family's needs.

"It's a pity really but what can we do?" he said. ***Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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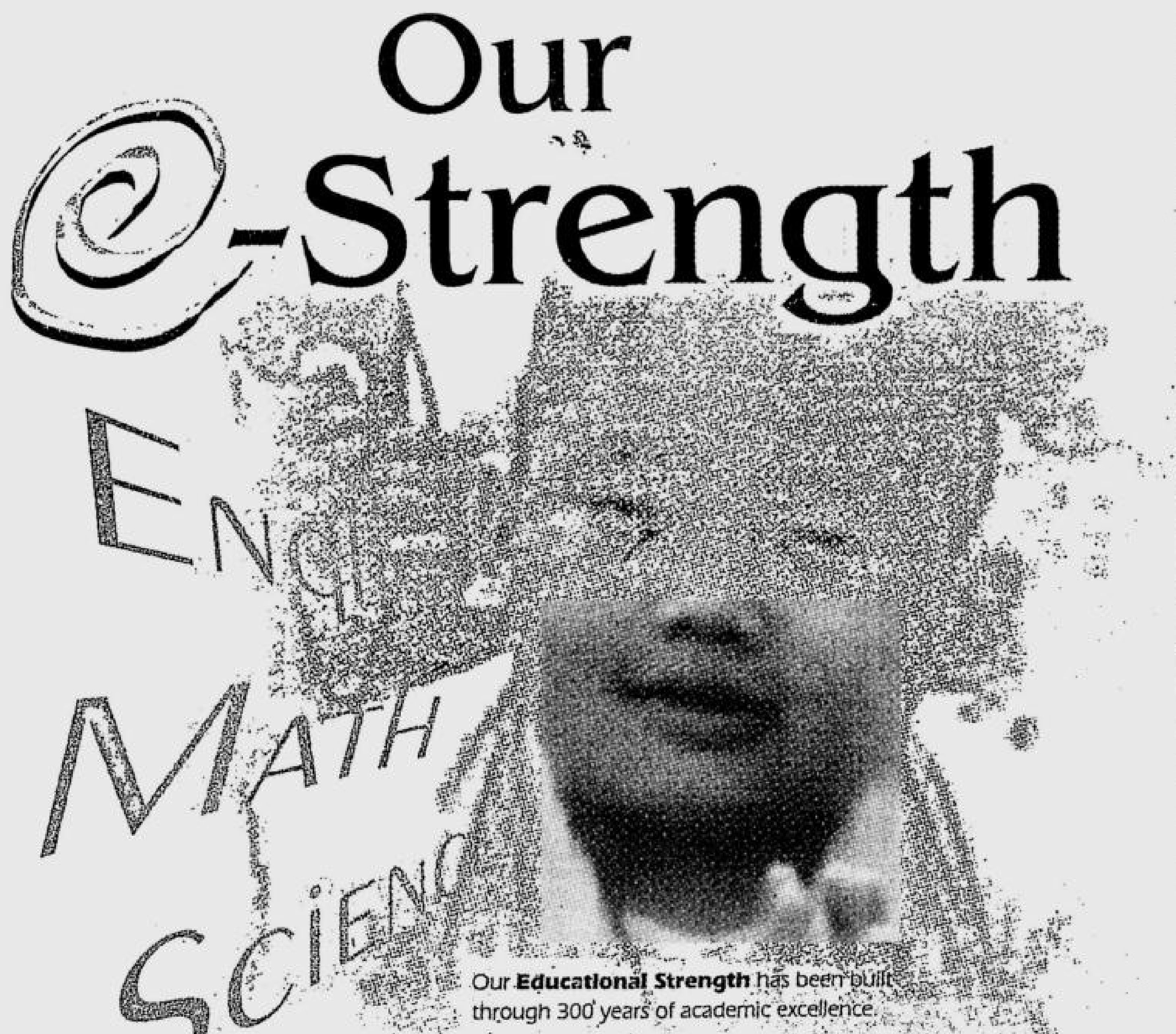

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New Sultan of Sulu proclaimed

BY NORALYN MUSTAFA
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THE new Sultan of Sulu and North Borneo was proclaimed and recognized on March 12 at the Sulu State College gymnasium, which was jampacked by constituents, government officials, the nobles of the realm, the Sultan's Royal Armed Forces.

Delegations from the Zamboanga Peninsula, Basilan, Tawi-tawi, Palawan and Davao also came to witness the ancient rituals.

Paduka Mahasari Maulana al Sultan Esmail D. Kiram was proclaimed upon the recommendation of members of the Ruma Bichara and the council of datus led by Ustadz Jamjam Shali, the sultanate's Qhadi in Zamboanga City, Ustadz Sharief Jularab Abbas Sampang and Panghulu Panghalapan of the State of Basilan.

Before the Treaty of Paris of 1898, the Sultanate of Sulu was composed of Zamboanga, Basilan, the Sulu Archipelago (which included Tawi-tawi), Palawan and North Borneo. To this day, these areas are represented by the five stars on the sultanate flag.

Except for Davao, these provinces comprised a territory that was duly acknowledged as "Sultania de Jolo" in maps commissioned by the Spanish authorities, several of which are still in existence.

Sultan Esmail's ascension to the throne came just as a statement from the present administration indicates that the issue of the Sabah claim will again be relegated to the back burner for the sake of diplomatic relations with neighboring Malaysia.

The 37th in an unbroken line beginning with Sharif al-Hashim in 1450, Sultan Esmail was crowned on March 12 last year. Groups of datus, shariffs, Buranuns, *panglimas* and other nobles, as well as active members of the Moro National Liberation Front, religious leaders and elders urged him to lead them in restoring the moral ascendancy of the sultanate.

Matter of obligation

Sultan Esmail accepted the mandate to assume the throne as a matter of obligation.

By virtue of his position, the sultan is the highest Islamic ecclesiastical leader in the sultanate. A void in such leadership can have serious consequences in the faith of the community.

In Islam, there is no separation of Church and state.

Sultan Esmail succeeds his elder brother, the former Sultan Jamalul Kiram III, whose continued residence in Manila for more than 20 years was deemed by the sultanate's constituents as "abandonment of his political and religious duties and obligations toward his subjects."

The newly proclaimed sultan is the second son of the late Sultan Punjungan Kiram, who was crowned and proclaimed 35th sultan in 1981 upon the death of his brother Sultan Esmail, namesake of the present sultan.

A deeply religious man, the new sultan, although steeped in the unalterable traditions of his bloodline is, like his late father, motivated by a progressive vision of unity and brotherhood between Muslims and Christians and a life of "economic prosperity in peace and dignity" for his constituents.

This, he strongly believes, is possible through a "transformation of this ill-fated society of ours into a progressive one."

Choosing the sultan

Before the coming of the European and American colonizers, the Moros (or Muslims) practiced freely and independently their sociocultural-religious traditions, governed by political authorities under the government of the sultan.

The sultanate was established in the 14th century by an Arab missionary, Sayid Abubakar, who married Paramisuli, daughter of Rajah Baginda.

Upon the death of his father-in-law, Abubakar was proclaimed Sultan Sharif-ul Hashim, the first sultan of Sulu. His sphere of influence covered such a wide territory that his kingdom was known as "Suluk Empire" even in faraway China.

The sultanate is the only surviving institution of pre-Spanish Malay civilization and culture, its tradition the only authentic link of the Filipino Malay heritage from the past to the present.

Choosing a sultan of Sulu is a solemn and serious matter.

Bloodline is the most important consideration; hence, the choice cannot be dictated by political or other considerations.

SULTAN Esmail

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The sultan is the personification of spiritual leadership and the highest Imam.

Absolute powers

Before Jamalul Kiram II renounced his sovereignty over the sultanate in the Bates Treaty of 1902, the sultan was also the highest political authority.

He was both the archbishop and king, and his powers were absolute.

Succession and ascension in the sultanate parallels the selection of the Roman Catholic Pope in sanctity and gravity. It is bound by strict compliance with tradition, specified by definite principles and always in keeping with the wishes of the whole Tau Sug community (Joloanos, Samals, Yakans, Badjaos, etc.).

In the sultanate, the Sultan was head of state and government. He was assisted by a Cabinet comprised of members of the Ruma Bichara, a legislative body that is equivalent to a parliament. The Ruma Bichara was composed of military and civil officials of the land who were appointed by the sultan.

The Royal Council of Datus served as an advisory body to the Sultan. It was composed of the most prominent datus of the land. Some of them were also members of the Ruma Bichara.

The Council and the Ruma were merged into one by different Sultans as a result of the twists and turns of the history of the institution, which resulted in the overlapping of functions of the two entities in the process of choosing the sultan.

Even now, there is no clear delineation of the roles of the two advisory bodies.

The Council or the Ruma Bichara has the authority to choose the successor of the sultan. Their decision is guided by the Diwan, a code of ethical laws, which govern the actions, or decisions of the Sultan. A prospective candidate for sultan must possess or comply with a set of qualifying criteria specifically prescribed in the Diwan.

Criteria

There are less formal aspects that influence the choice of the next Sultan.

Among the more important ones are the preference of a powerful and prestigious sultan for a particular successor, the role of influential datus in confirming the sultan's choice, and the refusal of a royal datu to accept the sultanate offered to him in favor of another of his personal choice.

When a sultan dies, the eldest woman in the royal house stands up to announce the Raja Muda, or crown prince, who will succeed him. She is called *tumindug*, which literally means "to stand up."

The datus in the council convene to deliberate if the Raja Muda meets the qualifying criteria. This is the time for other contenders to file their claim with the council.

The datus assess and evaluate all the contenders according to the following.

1. "*Bangsawan.*" The successor must be of pure royal blood, that is, of direct lineage from As-Sultan Sharif-ul Hashim, the first Sultan of Sulu.

There is a distinction between one born of a sultan and a royal princess or a dayang-dayang, and one born of a commoner, or a "concubine." The former enjoys more prestige and a stronger claim over the sultanate than the latter.

Getting the edge

The unspoken rule is to preserve the purity of the sultan's lineage. No datu can become a sultan unless he is a royal datu, meaning, a descendant of the first Sultan of Sulu. For this reason, royal datus take great care of their *tarsila* or genealogy, which serves as proof of their legitimacy.

2. "*Ilmawan.*" He must be a firm believer in Islam and actively observes its principles.

3. "*Altawan.*" He must have enough wealth to uphold the dignity of the sultanate. Between two contenders with almost equal qualifications, the wealthier and more politically powerful contender has an edge. The sultan must have enough wealth so that he will be restrained from foraging into the royal treasury to avoid corruption. And he must be in a position to replenish royal funds when the demand arises.

4. "*Rupawan.*" He must possess exemplary character and a regal personality befitting a monarch.

This criterion is very important in the people's acceptance of the new sultan. One who brings disgrace to the sultanate by his irresponsible or shameful behavior risks the ire of his constituents and he could eventually lose his position. It is important that a Sultan has the popular support of his people; otherwise, they can rise against him in revolt.

5. Age and maturity. The choice must be the eldest among qualified successors. The Tau Sug, like other Malay societies, places great value on the wisdom and experience of their elders. For this reason, a mature datu is preferred as sultan.

Succession

The daughter of a sultan can succeed her father as sultana or *pangyan*, provided her husband is a royal datu or if she marries one within seven days after her father's death. Her husband will have greater chances of becoming the sultan, especially if he did not have a sultan in his family for five or six generations.

The sultan usually exercises the prerogative of appointing his own Raja Muda during his lifetime. However, his choice is affected or influenced by the set of qualifying criteria and the curbing power of others who have a claim to the sultanate, especially those with power and prestige.

For instance, a sultan cannot nominate as Raja Muda his son who is a minor or who is feeble-minded.

However, the Royal Council can set aside the late sultan's choice of Raja Muda in favor of another of their choice.

Honoring the late sultan's choice will reflect the personal achievements of the sultan and the royal datus' loyalty to him. The more respected and influential the late sultan was, the greater probability of his chosen Raja Muda to be crowned sultan.

Unlike European royal houses where a king or queen can be succeeded by their siblings only if they do not have any children, in the sultanate succession is both "vertical" (children) or "lateral" (siblings, cousins or even nephews).

After the datus in council have decided the successor, a public proclamation is held. This is not to be mistaken with the actual coronation. A specific date is set for the coronation after much deliberation.

All civil and religious leaders in the sultanate are summoned. A long period of celebration follows, depending on the financial capability of the new sultan.

During this period of festivity, the new sultan goes from one locality to another. If that locality publicly accepts the new ruler, they respond enthusiastically, affirming their loyalty. If, however, the people do not recognize the new sultan, war can be expected.

Sulu's royal house traces blood ties to the sultanates of other East Asian countries, and the sultan is, in fact, looked upon by the Tau Sug as the "living link" to their Malay heritage.

Not new

The Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asian Growth Area (BIMP-Eaga) is not a new concept. It was in place and in practice by the Sultanate of Sulu centuries ago, until the *tau puti* (white man) came and imposed their own concept of development.

Tragically, only now, centuries later, with the globalization of world economics and its face turned toward Asia, does the wisdom of that first administrative governance in this country strike us with a clarity that is almost embarrassing.

In the meantime, Jolo, once far ahead of its time and the world-recognized seat of the Sulu sultanate with its seaport, a hub of international trade, has been reduced to being the capital town of one of the poorest provinces in the country.

Its name is associated, not with the pride and dignity, or even the exotica of what was known as the Suluk Empire, but, with what may be *lese majeste* of the cruelest kind, the Abu Sayyaf.

Maybe it does bear repeating that those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it, or worst, as in this case, stand the risk falling into its dustbin.

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'Rentals, not selling price'

BY NORALYN MUSTAFA
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THE LEGAL counsel of the heirs of the Sultan of Sulu has denied that the heirs were asking Malaysia to pay them $800 million for the proprietary rights to Sabah (formerly North Borneo), contrary to a news story published in the INQUIRER (PDI/03/04/01).

The story quoted a source in the Department of Foreign Affairs as saying the sultan's heirs, who since 1885 have been receiving $5,000 a year from Malaysia as rental payments, "were just being practical when they offered to give up their proprietary claim to Malaysia for $800 million."

Lawyer Ulka Ulama said the $800 million mentioned was not a purchase price but the accumulated increment in "cession money" or annual rentals computed from 1962, when the late Sultan Esmail Kiram, transferred sovereignty rights "over the inhabitants and territory of North Borneo" to the Philippine Republic.

The Deed of 1878, not 1885 as stated in the story, which is the "Grant by the Sultan of Sulu of a Permanent Lease Covering His Lands and Territories on the Island of Borneo dated Jan. 22, 1878," specifies that "(I)n consideration of this lease, the honorable Gustavus Baron de Overbeck and Alfred Dent, Esquire, promise to pay His Highness Maulana Sultan Mohammed Jamalul Alam and to his heirs and successors, the sum of five thousand annually, to be paid each and every year."

Mexican currency

The "dollars" cited in the deed was in Mexican currency or its equivalent in gold, according to Princess Denchurain Kiram in a letter to Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad.

But when Malaysia took over the territory from the British government in 1963, the currency was changed to Malaysian ringgit, but the amount of 5,000 as agreed upon in 1878 remained the same.

In 1903, the amount was increased to RM5,300 M, and that amount, equivalent to P68,888.44 in 2000, remained fixed up to the latest payment made in December last year.

On Dec. 4, 1996, Putli (Princess) Denchurain, daughter of the late Princess Tarhata Kiram and woman administrator of the estate of her mother and aunt, Dayang-Dayang Hadji Piandao Kiram, wrote a letter to the prime minister, requesting an annual increase for every 10-year period, beginning in 1962.

In her letter, the princess cited that "(T)he money value, the land value and improvements of Sabah, 116 years ago . . . has gone over thousands folds. Fair human dealings, justice and fairness demand, that the annual customary payment due to the heirs of the Sultan of Sulu . . . must be increased, retroactive to the year 1962, at the time the British Government left the Administration of Sabah, in favor of Malaysia."

In the same letter, the princess asked for a yearly increase of $500,000 for the period 1963-1970, commencing from $5,000,000 in 1962, or a total accumulated increment of $63,000,000; $2,000,000 for 1970-1971; and $1,000,000 yearly increase thereafter for the period 1971-1996. The grand total computed at the end of 1996 was $674,000,000.

Sabah or North Borneo, which has been "under the dominion and sovereignty of the sultanate of Sulu since 1715," has an area of 29,388 square miles with a coastline of over 600 miles.

The territory included "all islands which lie within nine miles from the coast," affirmed by the Confirmatory Deed of 1903 as the islands of Mulingin, Boan, Lehiman, Bakingan, Mantabuan, Gaya, Omadal, Si Amil, Balingan Kechil, Libaran, Taganak, Beguan Mabol, Kepalai, Dinawan, and the other islands alongside, around or between the other islands.

Although some statements in the newspaper article were attributed to him, Ulama said the reporter who wrote it never interviewed him.

"He may have taken his facts from a meeting I had with Ambassador Lauro Baja Jr., then undersecretary for policy of the DFA, Ambassador Rora Tolentino, undersecretary for administration and Ambassador Juanito Jarasa, for Asia Pacific (Aspac)," he said.

The meeting took place on March 14, 1999, when, according to Ulama, he went to Malacañang to see then Executive Secretary Ronaldo Zamora to follow up the request of the heirs for the increase in rental.

Ulama said Zamora asked him if he knew anybody in the DFA.

When he mentioned Ambassador Tolentino and other foreign affairs officials he had met during the administration of President Arroyo, Zamora instructed him to go to the DFA "and then tell them to call me."

The meeting between him and the ambassadors took place after that call, Ulama recalled. He was asked about the position of the heirs regarding Sabah,

"I told them (then) that what the heirs want(ed) was to increase the amount of the annual customary payment or rental, and that I had already forwarded the communication to Malacañang."

Bipartisan council

"After the meeting I was asked if that was supposed to be the amount that we were asking for, should we drop the claim. I replied that the matter depended on the heirs, but I assumed this was merely the rental. I did not say whether we were pursuing the claim or dropping it."

Ulama said that as a result of that meeting, the DFA drafted a memorandum to then President Joseph Estrada, who consequently issued Executive Order No. 117 dated July 5, 1999, "reconstituting the bipartisan executive-legislative advisory council on the Sabah issue."

Sec. 2 of the order states that the council "shall serve as an advisory body to the President with respect to the Philippine claim on Sabah

The ouncil never met.

"After the (executive order) although we tried to follow up, there was nothing. Maybe somebody asked the DFA and perhaps that is the figure ($800 million) the foreign affairs gave them," Ulama said.

"By now, it should be more than that. But that is only with respect to the increase in the amount to be paid annually to the heirs and not for the purpose of pursuing or dropping (the claim)."

"It is our thinking that Sabah has always been part of the Philippines. This was acknowledged by the court of Sabah, when it decided in favor of the heirs in December 1939," Ulama said.

Gloria on Erap threat: 'Just let him try'

"JUST let him try."

This was President Macapagal-Arroyo's response to the warning of deposed President Joseph Estrada that there could be a mass uprising should the Office of the Ombudsman proceed with his criminal prosecution.

In her press conference at the San Fernando City Hall in La Union, the President said there was no possibility at all that Estrada could whip up a revolt against her government.

Asked by a television reporter about her view about the possible people's revolt that Estrada had talked about, the President cut short the reporter's question with a curt reply.

"No," Ms Macapagal said. After a brief pause, she said, "Let him try it."

In Kalibo, Aklan, senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition yesterday said the people would likely reject Estrada as they shot down his claim that there would be a people's uprising in the event the plunder charges against him pushed through.

The candidates hit Estrada for continuing to foment a class war between the rich and the poor.

"He should not foment civil war," Sen. Franklin Drilon said. "I'm confident he would be rejected by the people."

Filipinos, he said, are basically a "peaceful people."

Drilon also shot down the so-called "Erap-magic."

"If there is such, then Loi (Ejercito Estrada) should be No. 1 in the surveys," he said. "She's no 19."

The senator was referring to the recent SWS survey in which the former first lady did not even enter the "Magic 13" as she only rated No. 19.

Makati Rep. Joker Arroyo said the former President must be in "dreamland" for making such a statement.

Arroyo reminded the people that Estrada left Malacañang during the height of Edsa People Power II because he was "scared" that he would be ejected by the people.

"No way, No way that he has a following."

Davao

In Davao City, various groups laughed off threats by Estrada of a massive uprising should the Ombudsman proceed with his criminal prosecution.

Elias Macarandas, executive secretary of the Ulama League of the Philippines (ULP), said Estrada would never gain any supporter from the Moro community.

Macarandas said Estrada was considered by many Muslims more of a "villain" than a hero of the masses that he was trying to project.

Macarandas said the Moro people considered Estrada as the President who led them to the darkest period of their history when he launched the all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) last year.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has estimated that up to 700,000 people were displaced from the war.

Rey Magno Teves, president of the Mindanao Coalition of Non-Government Organizations and People's Organizations (Mincode), said Estrada was undermining the independence and capability of the courts when he warned of turning to the people if he is "denied justice."

Teves said Estrada was in a way conditioning the public that he would be denied justice if the courts will rule against him.

"What injustice is he (Estrada) talking about? He is trying to stop the wheels of justice from grinding by undermining the judicial process," he said.

Alvin Luque, secretary general of Bayan-Davao City, said Estrada was bluffing in a "desperate effort" to stop government and private efforts to prosecute him.

"Estrada is doing everything he can to avoid facing the charges against him because clearly these criminal and plunder cases is indefensible," Luque said.

He said revolts only happened when the person or group leading it had a legitimate cause and defined ideological goals.

He said Estrada was feeding on the "fanaticism" of his supporters to gain public sympathy.

"Erap does not have legitimate cause. His only cause is to save his skin," Luque said.

He challenged the Macapagal administration to be more aggressive in the prosecution of Estrada noting that government appears to be slow on its job.

"The Macapagal administration should do whatever it can to have Estrada arrested. If Estrada remains free, the more that he could do harm both to the Macapagal administration and the public," Luque said.

Quezon

In Lucena City, Pedro Gonzales, chair of Bayan-Quezon, belittled the threat of mass uprising by Estrada's loyalists, saying the former President was "hallucinating."

"How could he launch his revolt when he has no more army to back him up except for a few loyalist military officers?" Gonzales asked.

However, he conceded that "if the United States would really make good its interventionist attitude, the CIA could make its presence felt in Erap's agenda of destabilization of the Macapagal administration. There is still the CIA stooge in his circle, Ernesto Maceda, to orchestrate the scheme."

Gonzales said Ms Macapagal should build a strong defense against destabilization schemes from among the phalanx of the greater Filipino people, "and not from among politicians-military-Church clique within her circles."

"In the end, it will be the people that she can depend on just like the lessons shown by the People Power revolutions. But she has yet to prove her true worth as a leader to all? So at this point, the threat of Erap has some validity as far as the President's circles are concerned," he said.

"But for the rest of the Filipino people, Estrada's revolt is an empty threat," the Bayan leader said.

Lourdes Monterey, provincial coordinator of Sanlakas-Quezon, said Estrada's threat was one "big joke taken from a scene from a planned Erap movie."

"Probably, the director of the movie in the making is just testing the reality of the scene. If Erap's revolt would fit into the storyboard. But they are into a big shock. Erap's magic is now gone," Monterey said.

"How could Estrada stage his mass uprising when it is very obvious that he no longer has the support of his masses? Just look at the standing of Loi Estrada in the recent survey? A pathetic 18th placer," the Sanlakas leader pointed out.

Should Ms Macapagal continue to detach itself from the common folk, however, "her administration would continue to be a destabilizing target of Erap and his loyalists," she said. *Reports from Donna S. Cueto, Christine Avendaño; Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Parents of kidnapper . . .

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arrested so they won't harm us again," Renel Medina said.

Marlon Cortez, alleged leader of the gang that kidnapped Remar, and two of his confederates remain at large.

Remar tightly embraced his father and mother, Maria Lavinia, in a tearful reunion at the Philippine National Police provincial headquarters in Calapan.

Had Remar been rescued a day earlier, he would have been able to attend his school's graduation rites yesterday. Not only did he graduate at the top of his class (first honor), he also won two other gold medals for Math and Science. The school sent the three medals to Remar's home Saturday afternoon.

Remar, a kindergarten pupil at the Divine World College, and his *yaya*, Myla Mañada, were abducted on March 20 while they were on their way home from school in Calapan, the provincial capital.

The two were last seen riding a tricycle driven by Cortez, who regularly fetched them from school in the afternoon.

The kidnappers twice called up Remar's parents, who are engaged in the retail business, to demand a still unspecified ransom.

Renel Medina said it was Ricky Cortez, brother of the alleged kidnap leader, who has set off the chain of events that led to Remar's rescue.

"When Ricky learned that his brother Marlon was one of the suspects, he immediately told his parents about it," the elder Medina said.

On Friday, Cortez's parents started looking for Marlon and their search brought them to the mountain village of Mamangan in Baco town, also in Oriential Mindoro.

"Some Mangyans told the couple that they had seen a group of men guarding a young boy and his woman companion," Medina said.

After hours of walking, the couple found Remar and his nanny in a *nipa* hut at about 10 a.m. yesterday. "The couple found the two being guarded by one of the kidnappers who was holding a bolo. They were just sitting there," Medina said.

Marlon and the other kidnapper were out contacting the Medinas regarding their ransom demand.

"The lone guard tried to put up a fight but was prevailed upon by the Cortez couple to free the victims," Medina said.

He said the Cortez couple immediately went down the mountain and turned over Remar and his nanny to the nearest police outpost.

"Shortly past noon, somebody called us up informing us that a boy and his babysitter have been turned over to the PNP headquarters," Medina said.

Medina and his wife rushed to the police headquarters in Calapan where they found Remar and learned about the rescue.

Medina said the presence of NBI agents in Calapan might have pressured the Cortez family to help solve the kidnapping.

Agents led by NBI Regional Director Nestor Mantaring and NBI Special Actions Unit chief Edmund Arugay had been pursuing the kidnappers since Wednesday.

Remar's uncle, Nelson R. Pajarillo, earlier asked NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco to step into the case.

The police, military and the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force also joined the hunt for Remar and his kidnappers.

Hours before the rescue, Arugay said the abduction might have been carried out by "amateur" kidnappers who were probably hired by a business rival of the Medinas.

Arugay said the kidnappers called up the Medinas, telling them "*May nasaktan kayo, magbabayad kayo ngayon* (You have hurt some people, you'll pay for this)."

When the kidnappers again contacted the victim's family, they did not demand any ransom, according to Arugay.

"So this could be a personal vendetta. It's not the usual kidnap-for-ransom group," he added.

The NBI, however, has yet to establish the motive for the kidnapping, according to Medina.

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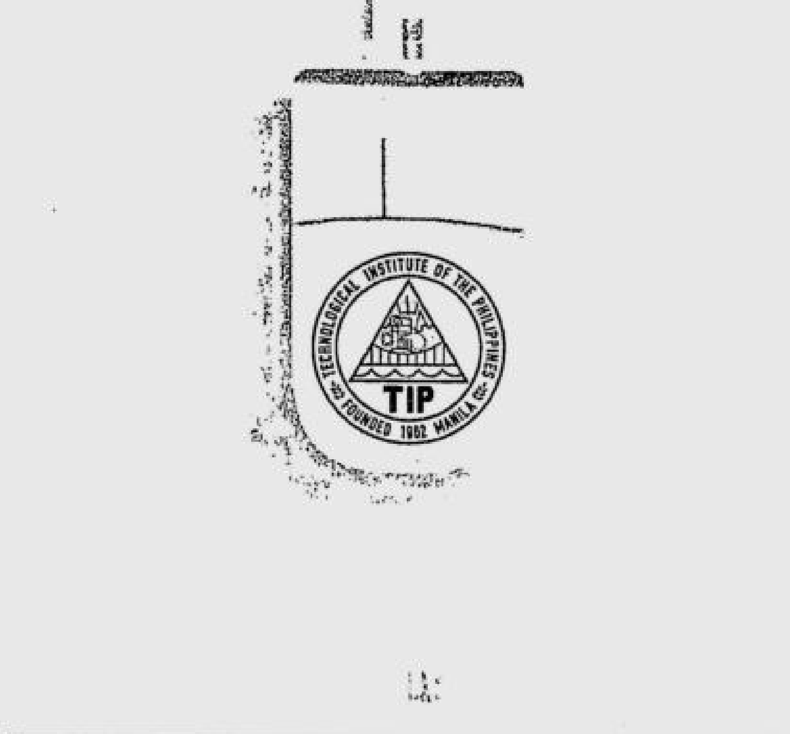

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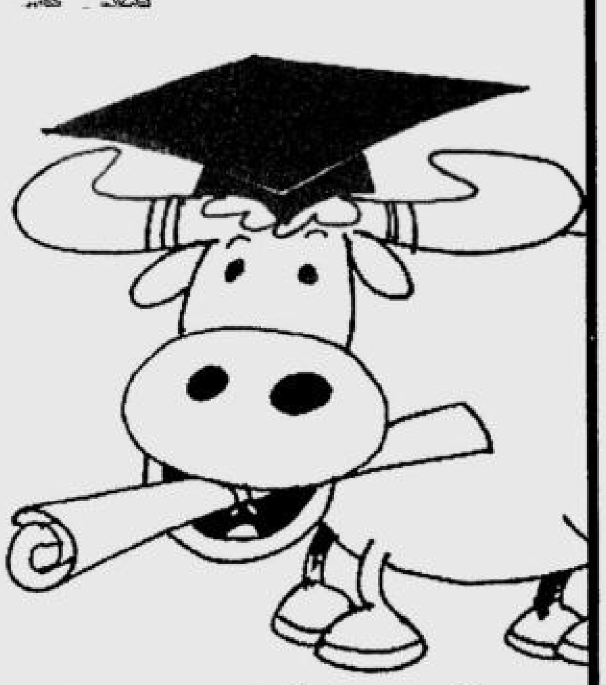

Manero sets 4 demands

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Bucay (to have his pardon reinstated). To give in to (the) demand would mean setting him free," lawyer Franklin Gacal Jr., counsel for Purisima and the suspended prison guards, told the INQUIRER.

The provincial government convened its crisis committee yesterday afternoon to review the demands of the killer of Italian missionary Tullio Favali.

Gov. Priscilla Chiongbian earlier yesterday suspended Purisima, who claimed he was on official leave when Manero escaped.

The warden denied allegations that prison guards connived with Yee and allowed Manero to escape. He also debunked reports that the inmate had been accorded "VIP treatment" while in jail.

"No person in his right senses would ever sacrifice his job just to help a high-risk prisoner like Manero escape," Purisima said.

Why report was delayed

He said that upon learning early Thursday about the escape, he immediately went to the jail to investigate.

"I ordered my men to contact Julie Yee and when they were able to contact her, I confronted her for helping Manero escape from the jail premises," he said.

Purisima claimed that Manuel Sales Jr., the acting warden in his absence, formed a team to pursue Manero after his escape was discovered. But the team did not leave immediately because Yee phoned the jail to say she would return to the prison to help the group track down her husband, who was suspected of having escaped in the trunk of her car.

Around 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Yee returned in a pick-up truck reportedly owned by her brother-in-law, Assistant Prosecutor Andres Lorenzo.

Yee vowed to help the jail officials locate Manero and even asked for three jail guards to be assigned to aid her in finding him.

Around noon the same day, Yee and jail guards Benjie Bogador, Benjamin Tondog and Rizalino Ilambre went to the house of Manero's elder brother Artemio in Polo, Polomolok, South Cotabato.

There, Yee and Artemio conferred while the three jail guards stayed outside the house. The guards returned to the jail empty-handed.

It was then, Purisima said, that the prison officials decided to inform the provincial government of Manero's escape.

"The reason for the delayed submission of the report was due to our honest belief that Julie Yee, our primary suspect, would bring Kumander Bucay back to the jail," he explained.

Text message

Purisima showed the INQUIRER a text message apparently sent from Yee's cell phone.

The text message read: "BUKAY DID NOT ESCAPE. MISCOMMUNICATION LANG YON. I TOLD HIM (TO PLEASE) LET IT REMAIN THAT WAY. I WILL MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH TO (LOOK FOR) HIM AND (RETURN HIM) THERE." In Manila, Director General Leandro Mendoza, chief of the Philippine National Police, ordered the dispatch of additional troops to track down the convicted killer.

"We will get Manero at all costs," Mendoza said.

He said he had ordered a "round-the-clock" manhunt, and that the PNP had alerted all airports and seaports nationwide to be on the lookout for the escaped convict.

"Although Manero has not been sighted since he bolted jail, we have identified the areas (in Davao and Region 12) where he may seek refuge," Mendoza told the INQUIRER.

He also said that since it was possible that Manero would go into hiding in Manila, operatives in the Metro area had been alerted as well.

"Police visibility has been heightened to prevent his cohorts, if there are any, from carrying out destabilization moves," Mendoza said.

Suspicious timing

Even Manero's family and close relatives were being watched in case he tried to make contact with them, the PNP chief said.

Mendoza said the timing of Manero's escape was "suspicious" in the light of ongoing peace talks between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Manero, alias Kumander Bucay, headed the dreaded "Ilaga" militia group in the '80s, which targeted Moro and communist rebels.

In Davao City, Elias Macarandas, executive secretary of the Ulama League of the Philippines (ULP), said the Moro community was extremely concerned over Manero's escape and expressed fears that the fugitive would be used by interest groups to revive anti-Moro armed groups.

"We expect something not good will happen to our people now that Manero is out of jail," Macarandas said.

He noted that the military and interest groups used Manero in organizing armed fanatical groups to run after Moro families locked in land disputes with non-Moro settlers, particularly in Central Mindanao.

He appealed to the government to be on the lookout for the possible resurgence of armed fanatical groups in areas where Manero used to operate as head of the Integrated Civilian Home Defense Force (ICHDF) and the Ilaga group.

Manero used to head the ICHDF in Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato and South Cotabato.

Bai Yasmin Sinsuat, co-convenor of the Mindanao Council of Women Leaders, also said Manero's escape had sent a chill down the spine of the Moro community.

She said it was likely that Manero would be used by interest groups to thwart efforts to resettle evacuees displaced by the government's all-out-war policy last year.

Sabotage?

In Manila, outraged Moro and human rights groups seemed convinced that Manero had been "released" to "sabotage" peace talks with rebel groups and sow terror in the May elections.

Amirah Ali Lidasan of the Moro-Christian People's Alliance blamed ultra-rightist factions in the Armed Forces that are allegedly against the resumption of the government's peace negotiations with rebel groups.

"Manero was released to lead vigilante groups in sabotaging the government peace talks with the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front)," she said yesterday in a press conference.

"The peace talks are already fragile since both camps do not seem to be sincere. What more with the release of a cannibal like Manero who is out to sow terror?" she said.

The Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace believes that Manero's escape was "orchestrated" by local warlords to help them ensure victory for selected local candidates in the May elections.

"(Manero's) coddlers, known political warlords in the South, might use him to seal their victory in the coming elections," Dani Beltran, secretary general of EMJP said.

The group urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to "seriously investigate" ranking police and military officials and politicians instead of simply relieving ordinary jail guards.

"Government investigators should search for the link connecting Manero's escape to the May 14 polls. Manero enjoys the blessing of powerful kingmakers in the South. They could use him in effecting massive fraud and electoral terror to favor pet candidates," said Satur Ocampo, head of the partylist group Bayan Muna.

Manero's mistress

Amid the concerns over Manero's escape, his mistress, Evelyn Silvestre, came forward to support her lover.

"Do what you think is best for you and your children. I'll always be behind you," she told Manero.

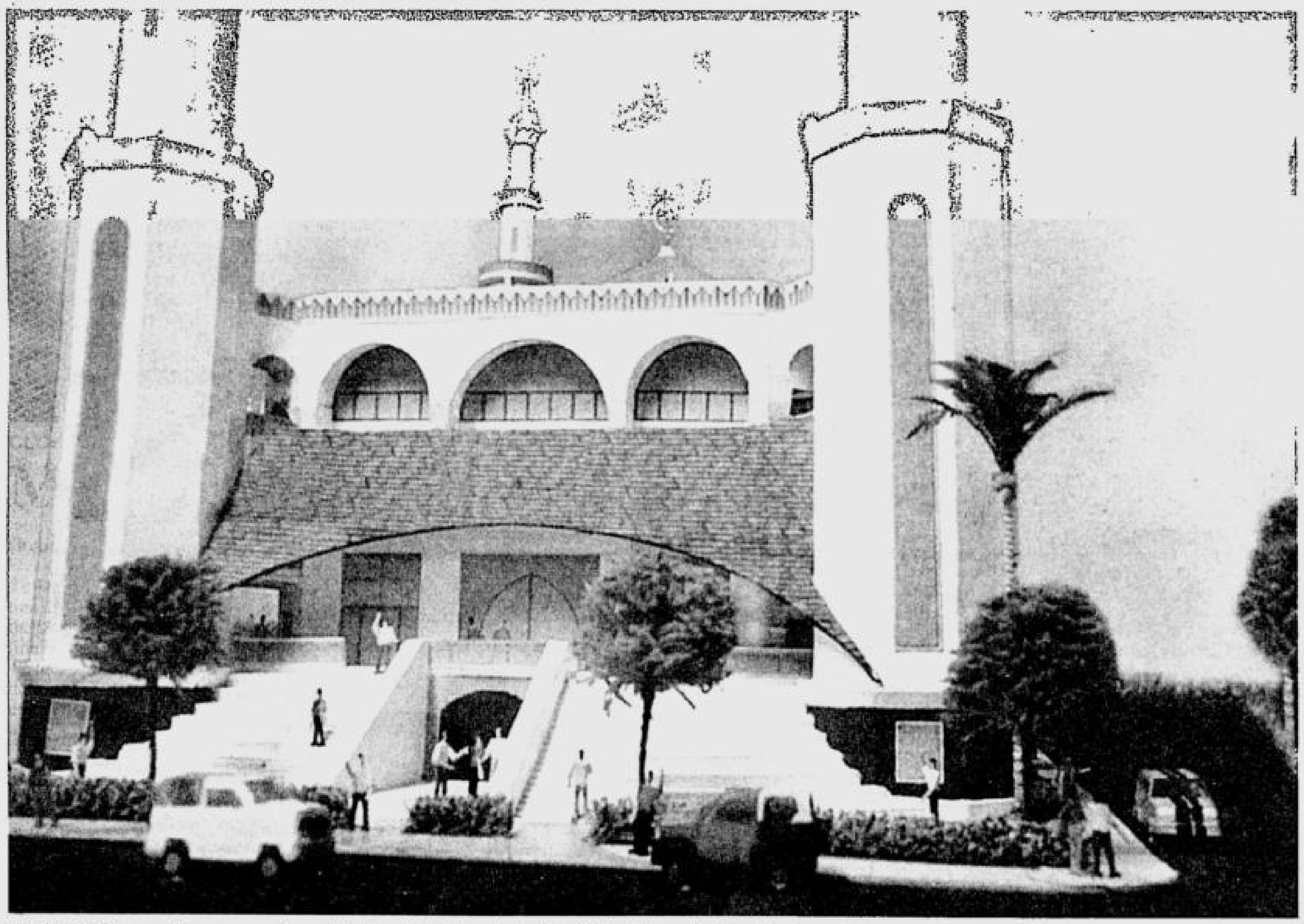
"It is right that my husband (sic) got out. I am pleased," she said in Tagalog in an interview with dxES Bombo Radyo in General Santos City.

Silvestre told him not to surrender unless the Department of Justice speeds up the resolution of his pending case.

Manero, his brother Artemio, the latter's common-law wife Leonarda Lacson, Job Tolentino and Larry Gonzaga are accused of kidnapping and killing brothers Ali and Mambatawan Mamalumpong in 1977.

Manero was expecting the dismissal of the case after Johanna, sister of the Mamalumpong brothers and the prosecution's key witness, recanted her testimony against him.

In December 1999, then President Estrada pardoned Manero for the brutal murder of Favali, but he was rearrested the following February following a massive public outcry. It was also that month that the Mamalumpong case against him was discovered pending in a court in Sarangani. *With a report from Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



CLOSE-UP view of the mosque's architectural details to be built with fund from the Sheikh Zayed Al-Nahayan Foundation in the United Arab Emirates.

Most expensive, biggest mosque to rise in Sulu

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The project is funded from a $2-million donation obtained by Misuari from the Sheikh Zayed Al-Nahayan Foundation in the United Arab Emirates.

In 1974, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia donated $1 million to the Philippine government for the construction of a mosque named after him in Marawi City.

When completed, the Sulu mosque can accommodate at least 5,000 worshippers. It will replace the old Tulay Mosque that was destroyed in the 1970s at the height of the war between government troops and Moro National Liberation Front.

"It will not only be the most expensive but also the biggest and perhaps the most beautiful mosque that the Philippines will ever have," Madjilon said.

Religious scholars regard a mosque as a sacred place of worship. Mosques are also used as venues for "social interaction and communal education."

Muslim leaders, particularly in Mindanao, have been initiating the putting up of mosques since 1380 A.D. when the first mosque was built in Tubig Indangan, Simunul, Tawi-Tawi by an Arab missionary, Sheik Karimul Makhdum.

"The oldest mosque, made with hardwood pillars and some renovations, still exist, and is now a tourist attraction because of its historical significance," Madjilon said.

In fact, he said, Muslim churches "are mushrooming" at such a pace that "even in the Christian North Islam believers, mostly Maranao traders, have helped put them up."

Desecrating a mosque is tantamount to a declaration of war, Madjilon said, recalling the Pata Island incident in the early 1980s when government soldiers under a certain Colonel Sardual of the Army's Tabak Division slaughtered and grilled dogs inside a mosque.

In Islam, pork is considered "*haram*" (forbidden).

That incident resulted in the death of Sardual and 131 of his men when the entire Muslim community took arms to avenge the mockery of their faith, he recalled.

Thousands of people on the island were also killed in the war that lasted four months, Madjilon said.

"The Bangsamoro people are forever grateful to His Royal Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, his people and the government for this landmark project," Misuari said in a statement.

Don't get Loi to *that* church on time

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distant past of power and glory?

Ms Ejercito was in Bulacan on Friday on a sortie with the other senatorial candidates of the Puwersa ng Masa. The candidates met for breakfast at the residence of Sen. Blas Ople in Malolos before proceeding to a market tour.

The house was less than five minutes drive to the historic Barasoain Church and Ms Ejercito would have passed by it on her way to the Ople residence. But she did not stop at the church, where her husband had taken his oath of office as the country's 13th president on June 30, 1998. Newsmen covering the campaign had thought she would for sentimental reasons.

Asked later how she felt about the church, Ms Ejercito took several moments before replying, "nostalgic."

"I don't remember anymore," she said with an awkward laugh when asked what memories she had of the church.

Estrada, according to Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino, no longer desires to return to Malacañang.

Ms Ejercito, on the other hand, looked like she didn't want to even remember the historic place where her husband took his oath of office as the country's 13th president.

Ms Ejercito did not appear sorry at all to miss taking a peek at the place where she and her children stood proudly beside Estrada for his inaugural rites.

1st attack on INQUIRER

The occasion elicited the first criticism of the INQUIRER by Estrada. The INQUIRER had reported that it was the first public appearance of Estrada and his wife as President but that he seemed to give her the "cold shoulder." Though seated together during the inaugural rites, Estrada was observed by the INQUIRER not to have spoken one word to his wife.

An irritated Estrada retorted: "How could I talk to her when she was praying? . . . I don't know why they (referring to the INQUIRER)take note of everything when I'm so new at the post. These people are faultfinders."

Were that his problem today was merely a matter of faultfinding.

He wants to be acknowledged by the courts as a "President on leave," which would accord him immunity from suit from the 11 plunder cases that had been filed against him.

"He doesn't want to return to Malacañang," Aquino said in an interview in Baliuag, Bulacan, during a campaign rally of the opposition.

"I think what the President wants is merely a historical vindication, that he did the right thing in the sense that he followed the Constitution while those who ousted him did not follow the Constitution. So if he is vindicated, he is President on leave and Gloria (Macapagal-Arroyo) is just acting President until 2004," Aquino explained.

Aquino, secretary general of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino and campaign manager of the senatorial ticket, also disclaimed the campaign line of some of the party's candidates promising voters that the opposition would work for Estrada's return to power once they were elected.

Figure of speech

"I think that's not what they are campaigning for. It's just Miriam (Defensor-Santiago)," he said.

He added that the reelectionist senator was just using a "figure of speech" when she told crowds that she would transport them to Edsa to demand Estrada's return.

Most of the opposition senatorial candidates, including the former first lady, have said that they prefer to let Estrada defend himself in court.

Perez to fly to Germany for Marcos billions

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ments to foreign officials, but Sarmiento said Manila needed to impress upon them the urgency that President Macapagal-Arroyo had attached to recovering the Marcos wealth.

"The old strategy was slow so we thought that by personally going there and meeting and discussing with them, it would speed up the case," Sarmiento said.

Philippine Ambassador to Germany Jose Zaide said that his officer in Dusseldorf had already scheduled an appointment this Tuesday with Senior State Prosecutor Karl Hein Esser of the Public Prosecutors' Office in Dusseldorf.

He said he had already "done everything" that the PCGG had asked him to do in connection with coordinating with German officials investigating Araneta for alleged money laundering.

Zaide said he would welcome the entry of the "professionals" and the "experts" from the Philippine government, apparently referring to the justice officials.

Despite persistent claims by Australian investigator Reiner Jacobi and even by former first lady Imelda Marcos that the Marcoses have hidden bank assets and gold worth billions of dollars, the government has been able to identify and recover only about $540 million in Swiss accounts.

The money, in an escrow account, has now grown to $642 million due to interest.

On spy paper

David Chaikin, Jacobi's lawyer, has brought to the Senate's attention several statements from Germany suggesting that the German secret service stood by a report it made last year on the Marcoses' alleged money-laundering activities in Liechtenstein.

The report, dated February 2000, was part of a highly confidential "working paper" of the German equivalent of the US Central Intelligence Agency, the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND).

"As you know, the German government, and in particular, the German Federal Intelligence Service (BND) has never repudiated my statement that there is a BND Working Paper dated February 2000 that identified five Liechtenstein asset managers of the Marcos family," Chaikin said in a letter to Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

BND spokeswoman Lydia Rauscher in October last year stood by the agency's report despite denials made by Kurt Spitzer, the Liechtenstein investigator assigned to look into the German report.

"If the report was not correct, then Liechtenstein would not have taken any action in response," she said in a CNN report last October that Chaikin quoted in his letter.

Pimentel had apparently not been aware of the BND's response.

Chaikin said the "technical division" of the BND made the report based on information gathered in the course of monitoring money-laundering activities in Liechtenstein.

Chaikin had testified on the report before the Senate blue ribbon committee in April last year.

Drugs, crime, Mafia

The report cited Marcos deposits as among laundered illegal funds discovered in Liechtenstein. The other cases included illegal drug money, crime proceeds and Mafia money.

Irene Araneta had allegedly transferred some of deposits in the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS), specifically from account number 885931, to accounts in Liechtenstein.

The Liechtenstein accounts were cited in an alleged agreement between Irene and American businessman Hank Hutcherson in February, as the funds that would be withdrawn if they succeeded in transferring remaining funds in UBS to Deutsche Bank in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Chaikin rapped Pimentel for relying on Spitzer's report.

In March 1999, the Liechtenstein prince appointed Spitzer to investigate the BND allegations that there was a "money laundering community in Liechtenstein."

"Spitzer was appointed as a measure of last resort and with the political purpose of clearing Liechtenstein's name," Chaikin wrote Pimentel.

After a three-month investigation, Spitzer declared that he had found no evidence of a money-laundering community in Liechtenstein, even though the principality was in danger of being placed yet again on a blacklist of 15 countries identified as money-laundering havens.

Chaikin quoted the German finance minister as saying that "Liechtenstein's financial system is like maggots in meat."

No trust

"It is well known that Dr. Spitzer was humiliated by the German rebuff and this explains in part why he attacked the BND report," Chaikin claimed.

He wrote: "It is important to note that the German Government did not give Dr. Spitzer the underlying secret evidentiary material that formed the background of the BND reports.

"The German government did not give Dr. Spitzer copies of secret documents produced by the Technical Division of the BND, such as transcripts of telephone, fax etc. intercepts.

"The German government did not trust Dr. Spitzer with top secret documents. Consequently, Dr. Spitzer was never in a position to make any reliable judgment concerning the BND allegations about the Marcos family."

No newspaper reports

A source said the Philippine government had made representations with the Austrian government in connection with Spitzer's investigation.

Ambassador Zaide said he could "neither confirm nor deny" asking the BND about the laundering of the Araneta accounts in Liechtenstein.

Spitzer, in a report dated Aug. 30, 2000, stated "the alleged administration of funds belonging to former Philippine dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos has prove (sic) to be mere false newspaper reports."

But Chaikin contended that "the BND working paper did not rely on any newspaper reports for its statement concerning the five asset managers of the Marcos family."

He claimed Spitzer had not really investigated the findings of the BND report, particularly the allegations concerning the Marcos funds. *With a report from AFP*

Mariano leads first-round chess victors

INTERNATIONAL Master Nelson Mariano broke open a cramped position in the middle game and went on to win over Andres Torres yesterday, spearheading the charge of touted players in the 2001 National Chess Open Championship elimination round at the Greenhills Shopping Complex.

Mariano, a former Asian junior champion, notched the full point after 39 moves of a Sicilian defense.

"I hope this good start will continue. My immediate goal is to enter the finals and, if possible, get my second grandmaster result," said the 26-year-old Mariano.

Other first round victors were Asean under 16 titlist Oliver Barbosa, San Sebastian College ace Darwin Laylo, La Salle standout Oliver Dimakiling and national masters Andrew Vasquez, Mauro Yasay Sr. and Jake de la Cruz.

Winners on the distaff side include woman national master Carmelita Abanes, lawyer and WNM Carmelita Alvarez, Sherrie Pearl de la Cruz and Istanbul Olympian Leah Bernardo.

The tournament organized by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines drew 468 participants, including 47 women.

Grandmasters Eugene Torre, Joey Antonio and Bong Villamayor, women international master Beverly Mendoza, Fide master Arianne Bo Caoili and WIM in waiting Christine Rose Mariano have been seeded into the tournament proper where they will be joined by the top nine male and top eight female qualifiers.

Clark stars as Raptors win

TORONTO —Keon Clark had 12 of the Toronto Raptors' NBA record 23 blocked shots in a 112-86 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

Clark's 12 blocks surpassed this season's previous individual high of nine, accomplished five times. Elmore Smith of the Los Angeles Lakers set the NBA single-game record with 17 blocked shots against Portland on Oct. 28, 1973.

Clark, who had 10 blocks in the first half of Friday night's game, broke Marcus Camby's franchise record of 11 blocks. Acquired in a trade from Denver on Jan. 12, Clark also had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Williams had 11 points, a career-high 14 assists and 10 rebounds.

Vince Carter scored 26 points for Toronto. Morris Peterson added 19 and Charles Oakley and Antonio Davis each had 10.

Lakers 104, Wizards 91

In Los Angeles, Shaquille O'Neal had 40 points, 17 rebounds and eight assists as Los Angeles, playing without the injured Kobe Bryant, snapped its two-game losing streak.

O'Neal came within two assists of his first NBA triple-double in points, assists and rebounds. He has previously reached double figures in points, rebounds and blocks in a game. O'Neal shot 10-for-13 from the free throw line and 15-for-25 from the field.

Rick Fox and Derek Fisher each added 13 points for Los Angeles.

Richard Hamilton led the Wizards with 23 points, and Hubert Davis had 17.

Bryant, who hurt his left ankle late in Wednesday's 107-100 loss at Milwaukee, is expected to miss at least two more games. *AP*

Williams apologizes

SACRAMENTO, California — Sacramento Kings guard Jason Williams apologized for yelling slurs about Asians and gays during a confrontation with fans.

The NBA fined Williams $ 15,000.

On Dec. 1, Williams was fined $ 10,000 for swearing at fans and making obscene gestures during a game in San Antonio.

"I did not intend any disrespect to the Asian community or any other community," Williams said Friday in a written statement. "I was wrong and I apologize."

Bryant out for 3 games

LOS ANGELES —Kobe Bryant's sore left ankle already is feeling better, Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, but the star guard is expected to miss at least three games.

Jackson indicated Friday that Bryant might not play again until Wednesday night, when the Lakers are at home against Sacramento.

Bryant, leading the Lakers with an average of 29.2 points a game, won't be placed on the injured list, and Jackson said, "We talked about it, but it's not a situation where he needs to be out for that long." *AP*

Complete results: Toronto 112, Atlanta 86; Indiana 95, Vancouver 75; New Jersey 95, New York 86; Minnesota 101, Denver 90; Chicago 93, Charlotte 90, OT; Milwaukee 115, Orlando 103; Phoenix 84, Philadelphia 71; L.A. Lakers 104, Washington 91. *AP*

BEST listing on March 30

REGISTRATION is in full swing for Milo BEST Center's basketball summer camps at De La Salle University (Dasmariñas) every Tuesday/Friday from March 30 to April 27 and every Wednesday/Saturday from March 31 to April 28 at the San Beda College courts.

Level 1 and 2 sessions will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at DLSU while level 1 classes are slated from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and level 2, 3, 4 and refresher clinics from 1 to 4 p.m. at San Beda.

The country's most popular cage school, which has so far graduated more than 10,000 students including PBA stars Benjie Paras and Jerry Codiñera, will also hold camps ever Monday/Thursday from April 2 to 30 at Ateneo College and grade school covered courts and Flos Carmeli Institution in Fairview Park, every Wednesday/Saturday from April 4 to 21 at Jose Rizal University and every Tuesday/Friday from April 10 to May 1 at St. Benedict College.

Young boys and girls may enroll either at The BEST Center, 34 Scout Lozano, Barangay Laging Handa, QC, tel. nos. 372-3065/66 and 411-6260 or at Dansei/Sensei, 5th floor, Holiday Inn Manila, UN Avenue, tel. nos. 525-8191 and 524-9311.

There will be no classes at SBC on Holy Wednesday and Black Saturday. The specific schedules are:

Ateneo College, level 1 (12 years old and above), 8:30-11:30 a.m., levels 2, 3, 4, refresher (all ages), 1-4 p.m.; Ateneo grade school, levels and 2 (11 years old and below), 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Flos Carmeli, level 1 (all ages), 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; JRU, levels 1, 2, and 3, 1-5 p.m.; and St. Benedict, level 1, 8 a.m.-12 noon and levels 2, 3, 4 and refresher, 1-5 p.m.

Boxing greats in Elorde Awards tonight

ELORDE

A LONG parade of boxing greats in a half-century—from Pedro Adigue in the late '60s to Malcolm Tuñacao in 2000—will receive the highest honor in Philippine professional boxing tonight during the first Gabriel "Flash" Elorde Boxing Awards at the Centennial Hall of the Manila Hotel.

Tuñacao will receive the Boxer-of-the-Year Award for his long reign as the World Boxing Council flyweight champion in 2000 from President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, guest of honor and speaker, and Laura S. Elorde, widow of the former world junior lightweight champion, in what is also called the "Banquet of Champions."

The top honorees in 2000 are Manny Pacquiao and Gerry Peñalosa (most exciting and popular boxers), Erbito Salavarria (best trainer), Silvestre Abainza (best referee), Alex Villacampa (best judge), Felixberto Jardenil (best matchmaker) and the Abner Cordero-Ricky Gayamo bout as the best fight of the year.

Special Awards will be conferred on former world champions Rolando Navarrete (WBC superfeatherweight, 1981) Rene Barrientos (WBC superfeatherwt., 1969), Bernabe Villacampo (WBA flyweight, 1969), Pedro Adigue (WBC welterweight, 1968) and Dodie "Boy" Peñalosa (IBF junior flyweight, 1983; and IBF flyweight, 1985).

Pancho Villa leads posthumous awardees who include boxing commentator Joe Cantada, trainer Rolando "Toti" Sangalang and announcer Manuel "Maning" Soriano.

The Awards rites, to be preceded by a dinner at 7 p.m., is sponsored by Family Rubbing Alcohol, Enervon Prime, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Sustagen, Kameraworld and Standard Appliances.

De La Hoya battles Gatti after 9-month layoff

LAS VEGAS —Oscar De La Hoya is changing his tune from Latin rhythms back to the sounds of leather against flesh.

"I've decided just to stick with boxing, focus on boxing until I retire," said the former champion in four weight classes, who has recorded a CD that was nominated for a Grammy for best Latin pop album of 2000.

On Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila), De La Hoya will meet Arturo Gatti in a 12-round bout, his first fight since losing the WBC welterweight title to Shane Mosley on a split decision last June 17. The bout is expected to start about 11 p.m. (0400 GMT).

During his nine-month layoff from boxing, the 28-year-old De La Hoya concentrated on singing.

"One day I said that I was enjoying myself, so why go back to boxing," he said. "But on every other day I was missing boxing."

He said his goals are to win a super welterweight title and to get and win rematches against Felix Trinidad and Mosley, the only two men to have beaten him.

De La Hoya, a prohibitive favorite to win his welterweight match against Gatti in the MGM Grand Garden, is scheduled to challenge WBC super welterweight (154 pounds, or 69 kilograms) champion Javier Castillejo of Spain June 9.

Even if he beats Castillejo, De La Hoya said, he might drop back to 147 pounds (66 kilograms). That would enable him to challenge Mosley, the WBC welterweight champion.

De La Hoya has indicated that he would prefer a rematch against Trinidad before one with Mosley, but it appears a Mosley rematch is more likely. Trinidad, the WBA-IBF super welterweight champion, is scheduled to challenge WBA middleweight champion William Joppy May 12. If he beats Joppy, he would fight in September against the winner of the middleweight title match between IBF champion Bernard Hopkins and WBC champion Keith Holmes April 14.

Trinidad won the WBC welterweight title from De La Hoya on a decision Sept. 18, 1999. *AP*

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Pactolerin fires 67, seizes Ericsson-Smart tilt lead

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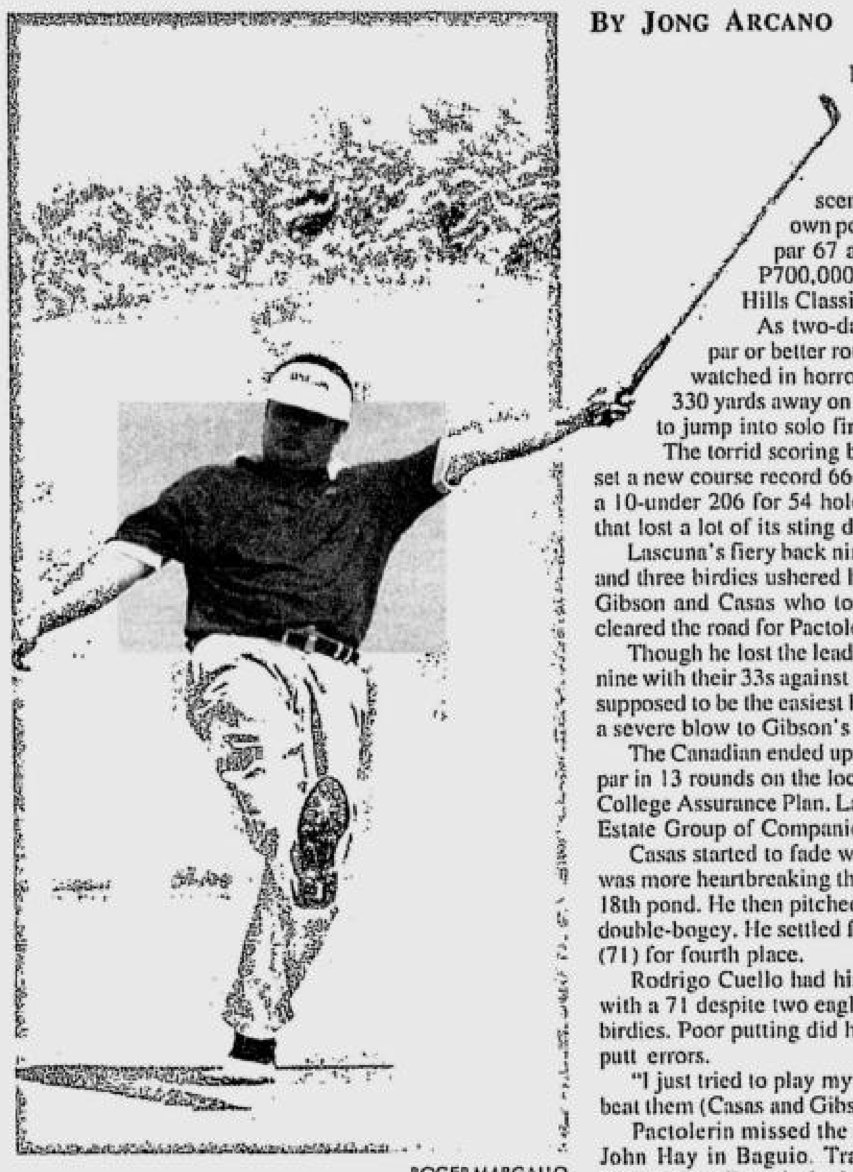

ROGER MARGALLO

PACTOLERIN: "I just tried to play my game."

ROBERT Pactolerin was supposed to play the supporting role to the hyped Rick Gibson-Cassius Casas showdown yesterday.

Pactolerin turned out to be the scene-stealer instead, revving up his own power game to assemble a five-under-par 67 and grab a three-stroke lead in the P700,000 Ericcson-Smart Zed Sherwood Hills Classic in Trece Martires, Cavite.

As two-day leader Gibson's streak of even-par or better rounds came to a sorry end and Casas watched in horror as his drive bounced onto a pond 330 yards away on the 18th, Pactolerin took advantage to jump into solo first place.

The torrid scoring by the lead pack saw Tony Lascuna set a new course record 66 as Pactolerin showed the way with a 10-under 206 for 54 holes at the well-kept Sherwood Hills that lost a lot of its sting due to the tame winds.

Lascuna's fiery back nine 31 spiked by an eagle on the 15th and three birdies ushered him to solo second at 209, ahead of Gibson and Casas who took turns making big mistakes that cleared the road for Pactolerin's breakaway.

Though he lost the lead to Pactolerin and Casas in the front nine with their 33s against his 36, a double-bogey on what was supposed to be the easiest hole on the course—the 10th—dealt a severe blow to Gibson's bid to recover.

The Canadian ended up with a 73, the first time he shot over par in 13 rounds on the local professional circuit presented by College Assurance Plan, La Paz Holdings and Dev't Corp., Fil-Estate Group of Companies and Metro Rail Transit Corp.

Casas started to fade with a bogey on the 10th but nothing was more heartbreaking than his drive that got drowned in the 18th pond. He then pitched into a bunker and two-putted for a double-bogey. He settled for a 72 for 211, tying Lito Rempojo (71) for fourth place.

Rodrigo Cuello had his own share of miseries, ending up with a 71 despite two eagles on the seventh and 15th and two birdies. Poor putting did him in, taking four bogeys on three-putt errors.

"I just tried to play my game, I knew I had to work hard to beat them (Casas and Gibson)," said Pactolerin in Tagalog.

Pactolerin missed the cut in the Tour's last stop in Camp John Hay in Baguio. Training almost every day after that sorry miss, Pactolerin is back in his usual role as a title contender.

Dorothy shares 6th

DOROTHY Joy Delasin pressed her bid for a major championship with a two-under-par 70 yesterday and moved up to a share of sixth place after the second round of the $1 million Nabisco Championhips at the Dinah Shore course of the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California.

The LPGA Rookie of the Year carded four birdies against two bogeys to barge into the Top 10 from a big group at 23rd spot on the first day where she shot the third-best score of 73, keeping her in the hunt for the crown in the cash-rich first major of the season.

Delasin went to Rancho Mirage fresh from posting her best finish this season of fifth place in the Standard Register Ping tournament in Phoenix, Arizona. She has won $64,935 so far and a Top 10 finish here would surely put her in the same bracket of the money list. *Jong Arcano*

Golf show on

GOLF POWER today features the highlights of one of the weekly junior golf events conducted by the Philippine Junior Golf Federation held at the East Course of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

The show also features Chris Walkey with his golf tips, trivia, definition and rules.

Golf Power, now on its sixth year, is aired every Sunday, 3 p.m., on IBC-13. It is hosted by Philippine Sportswriters Association major awardee for amateur golf Gerard Cantada.

No-show at San Lazaro

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THE Manila Jockey Club has embarked on an all-out drive to boost its sales and prize money to winning horses and its connections.

During the last racing week at the San Lazaro Hippodrome, *kareristas* were greeted by a lone Winner-Take-All event in an eight-race lineup (March 14 and 15) instead of the usual Pick 6-WTA schedule in the program.

The ploy must have worked since WTA sales for those two-night program soared to more than P3 million each.

"We're just on an experimental stage. If it works, maybe we'll go on with it," said MJC manager Rudy Prado.

Prado added that reducing the number of races on weekday racing would mean bigger prize money for winning horses. *"Mas malaki ang pagpapartehan,"* he said.

The MJC, Prado added, is trying to keep pace with its counterpart—the Philippine Racing Club—which currently gives P120,000-plus to regular race winners.

But Santa Ana, apparently getting some cues from the MJC move, also came up with an eight-race program last Wednesday and Thursday nights but with the customary Pick 6-WTA lineup.

Just as everything starts to heat up, the MJC-PRC sales race is also burning the local racing scene this summer.

And as far as MJC is concerned, it recently unveiled one of its main attractions this season—the First Gentleman Silver Cup on April 29.

It was a well-presented launching out there last Wednesday at the MJC for the race to be held in honor of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, Mike.

Among those present were Prado, Marho chief Putch Puyat and racing commissioner Mon Balatbat, whom everyone believed was there to represent the Philracom chair.

All those who witnessed the event wondered where the Philracom head was.

His absence once more stirred guessworks that it was meant to snob not Mike Arroyo but President Gloria herself.

Racing fans won't surely forget that this Philracom head was the same fellow who snubbed a Presidential Gold Cup race honoring his disgraced boss Erap Estrada a few years back.

■■■

Can US bet Captain Steve break through the tough Godolphin stable today?

This will be known in the $6-million Dubai World Cup—the world's richest horse race—which blasts off today at the Nad Al Sheba racecourse in the tiny oil-rich emirate.

Captain Steve is tipped to crowd the hometown entry Best of the Bests when he tries to prevent a third straight win for Dubai-based horses.

Other entries to be fielded in by the Al Maktoum family in the 12-horse lineup are Ekraar and Broche.

Jerry Bailey, who won the race atop the great Cigar in 1996 and Singspiel in 1997, is riding Captain Steve, while Best of the Bests will be handled by Godolphin's top rider Frankie Dettori.

Winner of the the 2,000-meter main event (there are six other big races on tap) takes home $3.6 million.

Medalla-Maranan duo up at Eagle Ridge

ELVIS Medalla and Claro Maranan broke away from the huge field with a whopping 18-under-par aggregate of 126 after the first round of the inaugural Eagle Ridge Invitational member-guest tournament at the Faldo and Dye courses of the country's biggest golf complex in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Playing in the Class C division, Medalla submitted a net 68, while his guest Maranan turned in an even lower net 58 at the tough Dye course as they stormed ahead of the 180-team field on Day 1 where the closest team in the standings was 12 strokes behind.

The tandems of Paulo Garcia-Ron Onglengco (Class A) and Yan Jung Ho-Irineo Agojo were the other leaders in the three-day tourney backed by Outback Steakhouse, CGU Insurance, Pisanti Pilipinas Golf and Unirock, Corp. as major sponsors.

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The hole-in-one bonanza of a residential lot, Opel Tigra, and two Chevrolet Cassia sedans donated by Sta. Lucia, GG&A Club Development, Inc. and GM Autoworld Makati remained intact as nobody scored an ace.

Garcia and Onglengco scored 154 at the Faldo course to lead by eight over Jason Sprankle-John Coupe and Frederick Garcia-Jews Tecson.

It was a close fight in Class B with Yan and Agojo just a stroke ahead of Lorenzo Samson and Glenn Francisco with their 138 also at Faldo. Rodolfo Kalinga and Teddy Pascual were in third spot at 142.

Medalla and Maranana, meanwhile, were on course to a runaway victory in their division as Cobankiat and Co stood at 140 and Frederick Mercado-Linantud at 142.

$6-M RACE

US, Dubai horses World Cup picks

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—America's leading trainer is hoping to block Dubai's hometown stable from making it three wins in a row at Saturday's $ 6 million Dubai World Cup.

The American horse Captain Steve is the leading contender to Dubai-based Godolphin stable's Best Of The Bests.

"Captain Steve is training very well, and I wouldn't have brought him this far if I didn't think he could win," said American Bob Baffert, the charismatic silver-haired trainer.

Baffert won the 1998 edition of the Dubai World Cup with Silver Charm but was disappointed the next year when the same horse was well beaten by Godolphin's Almutawakel.

Godolphin trainer, Saeed bin Suroor, for his part, is looking to a third successive win, having saddled Dubai Millennium last year.

Godolphin's assistant trainer, Tom Albertrani, commented: "If you look at it, Captain Steve is the horse to beat but I wonder whether he can last the distance as he has never won a mile-and-a-quarter race. We are confident about our chances with Best Of The Bests."

The winner takes home $ 3.6 million in 2000-meter dirt race held at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse.

Bookmakers couldn't chose between them, as both horses carried 4-7 odds at Ladbrokes, the British bookmaker.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Batangas Entry 2. Family Task
Race 2—1. Baby Maxxine 2. Manlaman 3. Lucky Gambit 4. Portal Dancer 5. Katya
Race 3—1. Daseldurf 2. Mark's Treasure 3. Sun Bride 4. Winning Rose
Race 4—1. Mighty Dragon 2. Winning Heart 3. Shot Gun 4. Lucky Swing 5. Soloist
Race 5—1. Dragon Heart 2. Flying Indy 3. Striking Bouncy 4. Emancipated Belle 5. Rosalinda
Race 6—1. Musika 2. Expediter 3. Silent Wind 4. Green Buck 5. Tomahawk/All Smiles
Race 7—1. Padron Real 2. Sunny Sky 3. Ace of Space 4. Mighty Glow 5. Sulerian Era
Race 8—1. The Fox 2. Speed Master 3. Project Genesis 4. Bullhorn 5. Ysabela
Race 9—1. Favorite Trick 2. Dynamite Miss 3. Lorna 4. Terrific 5. Hacker
Race 10—1. The Magician 2. Bandido 3. Freshman/Baby My Beloved 4. Air Express 5. Petitioner
Race 11—1. Cara Bambina 2. Princely Native 3. Field Master 4. Duke Mark
Race 12—1. Flirting Hero 2. Fireball 3. District Three 4. High Pocket 5. My Indy
Race 13—1. Bell Ringer 2. Sun Chief 3. Lady Darinda 4. Pen Pal 5. She's Splendid
Race 14—1. Al's Princess 2. Beatitudes 3. Friendly Lover 4. Shuttle's Magic 5. Fire Task

Kelly ahead

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida — Jerry Kelly is a former hockey player whose aggressive nature is not always a good fit for golf. He also is 0-for-175 in his career on the PGA Tour, another reason he was an unlikely leader Friday in The Players Championship.

What he had in his favor was an early wake-up call.

Playing before the whipping wind began to terrorize the Stadium Course, Kelly kept the ball in play and finished with a 6-under 66, giving him a one-stroke lead over Paul Azinger heading into a weekend that should prove to be quite a test.

It was more of a nuisance to Tiger Woods, who made double bogey for the second straight day by hitting into the water. This time it was an 8-iron on the island-green 17th, although he still managed a 69 in the morning and was six strokes back. *AP*

Ucap derby set March 27, 29

THE "8TH Ucap/Amis Master 6-Cock Derby," to be hosted by popular sportsman-jeweller Raymond Velayo, will be held at the Mandaluyong Coliseum on March 27 and 29, with Sagupaan Super Feeds as major sponsor.

Submission of weights is tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. For inquiries, please contact 747-4797, 534-4110, 531-4003 and 531-4005.

To follow immediately is the "Sir-Richard Sa Ucap 4-Cock Derby" on March 31. Host is upcoming derbyist, Richard Lim.

Mandaluyong Coliseum will also present the "Capitan 5-Cock Derby" on April 7 with partners John Capinpin and James Uy as hosts.

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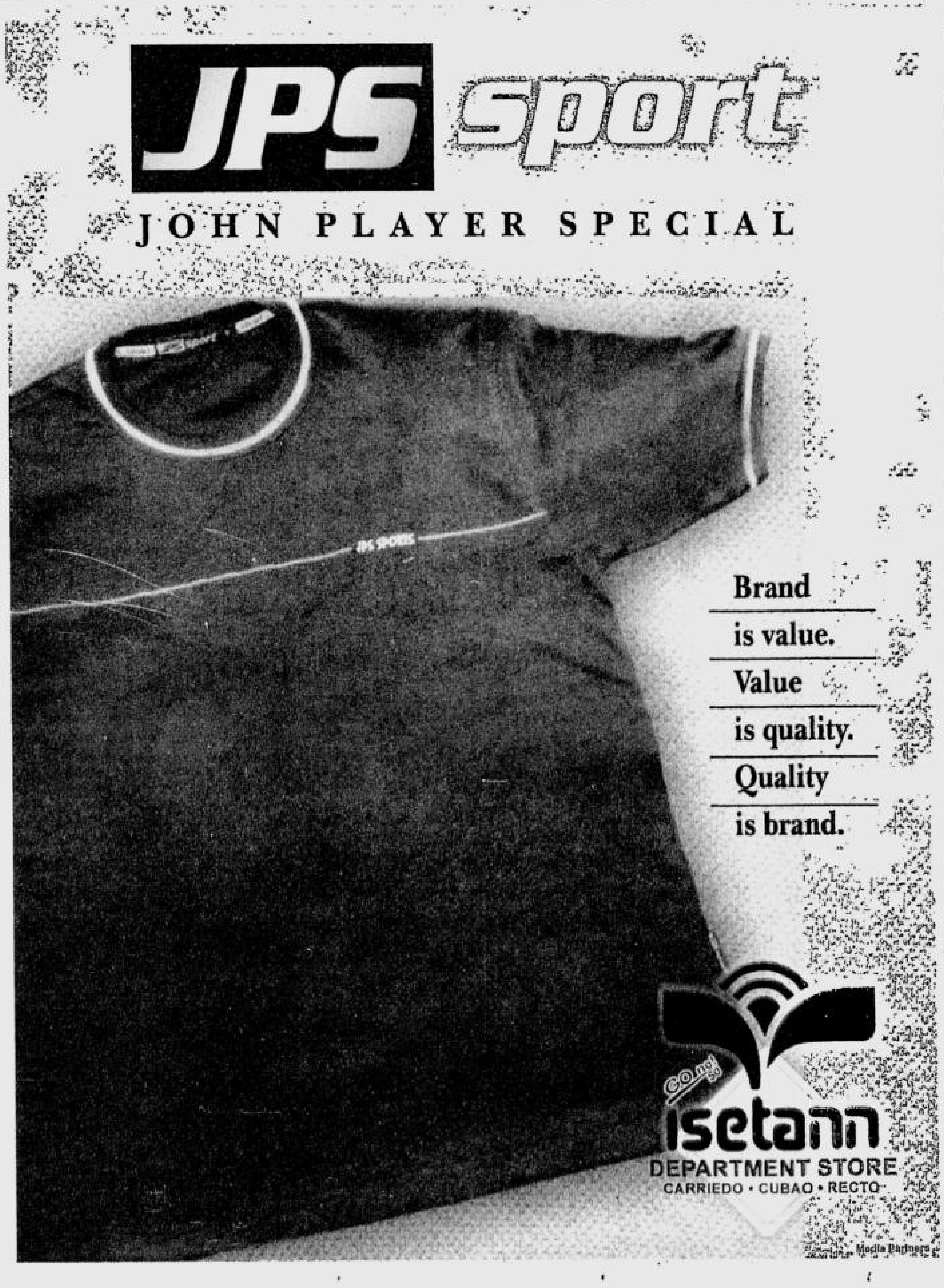

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Athletes union OK—Dayrit

THE PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee yesterday encouraged the forming of an athletes union but dissuaded the group from taking over the line functions of sports officials. "There's nothing wrong in forming an athletes' federation but they must be aware that the primary role of an athlete is to train and give honor to the country in international competitions," said POC president Celso Dayrit. *June Navarro*

PBL CHAIRMAN'S CUP

Shark rallies, rips Welcoat, 75-62

DENNIS SABANGAN

RYZAL Castro (right) typifies Shark's tough defense against Welcoat's Ren Ren Ritualo as the Energy Drink Kings score a come-from-behind victory over arch-rivals Paintmasters, 75-62, yesterday in the PBL opener at the Makati Coliseum.

GAMES TUESDAY (Makati Coliseum)
3:30 p.m.—Hapee vs Ana Freezers
5:30 p.m.—Osaka vs Montaña

BY JUNE NAVARRO

SHARK summoned its championship spirit to take the mischief out of Welcoat, 75-62, and draw first blood last night in the opener of the PBL Chairman's Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Armed with a huge fighting heart, Shark rallied from 17 points down, limited their opponents to only six points in the payoff period and administered a smothering defense to turn the tables on the dumbfounded Paintmasters.

Ryzal Castro dealt the finishing touches, scoring nine decisive points as the Energy Drink Kings eventually broke the Paintmasters' spine at crunchtime, a scenario that duplicated their Challenge Cup series.

From two games down in that series, the Energy Drink Kings came back and yanked the rug from under the Paintmasters to run away with the PBL Challenge Cup crown.

"It's the same story. We always lag behind in the first three quarters and will only go full throttle in the final frame," said Shark bench tactician Leo Austria in Tagalog "My boys don't fear Welcoat anymore because they already gained championship experience."

Ren Ren Ritualo, who rode the bench in the third quarter, pumped in 16 points in the first half that made the Energy Drink Kings comeback trail looked bleak.

But egged on by Austria, the Energy Drink Kings responded as Castro blended perfectly with Irvin Soto, Chester Tolomia, Michael Robinson and rookie Manuel Caceres.

Shark's defensive crackdown was simply awesome as it forced Welcoat to crumble like a jar of cookies in the face of unwavering pressure.

Prior to the encounter, fans were feted to song and dance numbers headed by performers Mo Twister and Rica Peralejo. Also, the new PBL logo was unveiled amid colorful opening festivities, which started at 2 p.m.

Scores:

SHARK 75—Castro 23, Tolomia 12, Ybañez 9, Soto 7, Malabanan 6, Robinson 6, Caceres 6, Basilides 2, Rodriguez 2, Gumpenberger 2, Ortega 0.

WELCOAT 62—Ritualo 20, De Ocampo 12, Encarnacion 12, Tan 7, Manalo 5, Tolentino 2, Canlas 2, Suba 2, Patrimonio 0, Mamaclay 0, Orfrecio 0, Cruz 0.

Quarters: 16-19; 29-31; 47-56; 75-62 .

SMB eyes 'incentive' vs P'foods

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Alaska	5	6
Tanduay	4	7
*Sta. Lucia	2	8

** playing in Malolos, Bulacan at presstime*

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4:15 p.m. – Pop Cola vs Tanduay
6:30 p.m. – San Miguel vs Purefoods

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

SAN Miguel Beer tries to place one foot into the enviable twice-to-beat spot against Purefoods today even as Tanduay Gold attempts to bring its campaign back to life against Pop Cola in the PBA All-Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Of the four teams involved, the Beermen and the Rhummasters are facing remarkable fates in the double-header beginning in the 4:15 p.m. opener between Tanduay and Pop.

San Miguel can take a share of the lead with resting Shell Velocity with a victory over Purefoods at 6:30 p.m. but more than that, it can move it closer to the Top 4 rankings which carry a twice-to-beat incentive in the next round.

Sta. Lucia Realty pulled off a 95-85 victory over Batang Red Bull in their road game in Malolos, Bulacan to put some life in its dying bid.

Tanduay needs to win as a loss would further derail its quarterfinal bid. Tanduay's next opponents are league heavyweights San Miguel and Alaska.

Danny Seigle will be the marked man tonight for San Miguel since he averages a league-best 27 points a night.

However, the 1999 rookie of the year tends to be trigger-happy and a ballhog, creating glitches in SMB's offensive flow.

And since SMB lately has shown a penchant to use offense rather than defense, that could pose a problem against Purefoods, whose arsenal can match that of the Beermen's at any given night.

However, Ron Jacobs will now resume his coaching from the stands, definitely a plus for San Miguel.

The Rhummasters, coming from a win over Red Bull last week, can still crawl back in contention if they win over the Panthers.

But Pop Cola will be expected to exploit its manpower advantage through Rudy Hatfield and Pido Jarencio, both recruits from Tanduay.

Villarete, Lao clash for crown

TOP seeds Raymond Villarete of La Salle-Greenhills and Mauric Lao of Aklan downed separate rivals to reach the championship round of the Philta Junior Tennis Classic 2 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Villarete, a protégé of Shell Taytay Station, blanked Daniel Macalino of Ateneo, 6-0, 6-0, to forge a boys' 12-under title showdown with second seed Pablo Olivarez II, who scored a 6-1, 6-3 win over No. 3 Juan Felipe Mayor.

Lao beat Kyle Dandan, 6-2, 6-3, to advance in the boys' 14-under final against No. 2 Arithmetico Lim of Chiang Kai Shek, who survived No. 3 Miguel Narvaez, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 7-5.

In the boys' 16-under division, top seed Irwin de Guzman of La Salle-Greenhills rallied past No. 3 Jandrick de Castro, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 to enter the finals.

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Even in his personal life, Vincent relishes the pleasures of being **Globe connected**. He shares, "Well, my wife and I keep in touch with her family in Roxas City, by **calling Globe-to-Globe**. And we get to watch *They're Playing our Song* as a **Platinum Privilege.** But I will never forget the time we were in the mall with our son who was only two at that time. When he asked for a Kiddie Meal while I was in another shop, and my wife said her wallet was with me, he exclaimed, *'I-text mo!'* We were both surprised, that early he already knew text."

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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

ROTC corruption exposé may have led to killing of UST student—police

By Jerome Aning

MANILA police are looking for a University of Sto. Tomas student who might have information that could link the killing of his classmate to the exposé that the two of them made about alleged corruption and bribery in the school's Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Engineering student Romulo Yumul has reportedly gone into hiding after learning that his classmate Mark Chua was abducted on March 15 and was found floating in the Pasig River three days later.

The case investigator, SPO2 Steve Casimiro of the Western Police District homicide section, said he would want to know why Yumul thought the exposé had something to do with Chua's death.

Yumul and Chua reportedly re-

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NEWSPAPER MAN Coloma minds his own business. JESS YUSON

From news subject to 'news dealer'

By Dulce Festin-Baybay

TALES OF THE CITY

WERE it not for his involvement in a case of hazing 22 years ago, Leonardo Coloma, now 47, would not be a newspaper vendor today. He would be a policeman, like his wife.

Coloma was already working when he was a senior criminology student at the Philippine College of Criminology. He and

FROM NEWS/ A26

EDWIN BACASMAS

JUSTICE BURNS

A one-hour fire yesterday morning hit the Quezon City Hall of Justice in Diliman, damaging six courtrooms of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court. Police invited for questioning DCP Builders construction workers William and Wilson Morales, and a Joel Negro, who were working at a second-floor lounge where the fire began.

Philip C. Tubeza

Pasig fire kills baby

By Philip C. Tubeza

MICHAEL Mendoza and his wife were selling cigarettes at a Cainta mall Friday night, totally in the dark that fire was gutting their shanty in Pasig City and killing their year-old daughter.

Investigators later said it was Mendoza's neighbor who started the fire in Barangay Rosario, Pasig, which also critically injured the Mendoza couple's two other young children.

Angelito Manalo, 38, allegedly blew his top and torched Mendoza's home after Mendoza accused him of stealing materials in a construction site where they both worked, said investigator PO3 Ernesto Paraso.

Manalo's act killed Mendoza's year-old daughter Kyle, who was sleeping when the fire broke out. Kyle's 2-year-old sister and 3-year-old brother also got burned but their 5-year-old brother was able to take them out of the house before the flames consumed their shanty, Paraso added.

Mendoza's eldest son, the 5-year-old, pointed to Manalo as the one who started the fire. The boy said Manalo slipped into their shanty while his parents were out selling cigarettes.

The boy told investigators that Manalo started the fire by touching a lighted candle to a cloth hanging in their shanty.

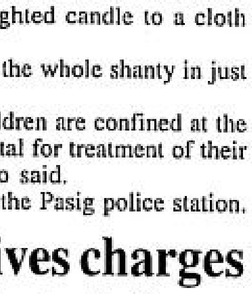
The flames consumed the whole shanty in just 16 minutes, Paraso said.

The two Mendoza children are confined at the Pasig City General Hospital for treatment of their first-degree burns, Paraso said.

Manalo is detained at the Pasig police station.

Hospital waives charges for young blast victim

By Jerry Esplanada



TORLAO

GOOD news for Joe Marwin Torlao, 3, one of the survivors of the deadliest of five bomb attacks that hit Metro Manila last Dec. 30.

The Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center (CGHMC), where the boy from Bacoor, Cavite has been confined for nearly three months now, is waiving the young patient's hospital expenses.

Dr. James Dy, CGHMC chair and president, told the INQUIRER they would "continue to support (Torlao) as much as we can."

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Five rape girl, 13

By Christian V. Esguerra

MALABON police yesterday arrested five young men, including two high school students, for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl on Friday.

Police rounded up Eric Gordo, 24, Ryan Lardero, 20, a senior high school student, Rommel Sombrano, 19, and two boys aged 14 and 17.

The suspects, all residents of Barangay Longos, Malabon, are facing rape charges before the Malabon prosecutor's office.

The girl and her 14-year-old boyfriend were walking on Pampano Street Friday when they chanced upon Sombrano, who invited them for a drink at Gordo's house, PO3 Ferdinand Espiritu said.

After the group finished two bottles of gin, the males took the girl to the second floor of Gordo's house and raped her, police said.

But when police talked to the boyfriend yesterday, he denied the girl's allegations, saying he did not participate in the alleged gang rape.

The victim, accompanied by a friend's aunt, went to the Malabon police station to file criminal charges against the suspects.

During interrogation, police found out the boyfriend also raped the girl on Thursday.

The suspects are now detained at the Malabon police headquarters.

HOLDUP suspects Caringal, Santos, Yangco and Ilustre appear not to care as they are given a dressing down at WPD Station 5.

ERIK ARAZAS

We're no truants, Makati dads say

By Michael Lim Ubac

PETTY and parochial.

That is how Makati opposition Councilors Robert Dean Barbers and Mark Joseph described the administration-backed city council for claiming that the two of them topped the list of absentee councilors since 1998.

In separate statements, Barbers, who is running for vice mayor, and Joseph, who is seeking reelection, said Mayor Elenita S. Binay and her supporters in the city council were behind the campaign to discredit them in view of the May 14 elections.

A statement issued by the Office of the City Secretary also said Vice Mayor Edu Manzano, who is running for mayor, was in the list of alleged absentee members of the city council from July 1998 to December 2000.

Barbers said that by citing absenteeism and non-performance issues, the Binay camp was resorting to dirty and old tactics to compensate for their "bad image" in the public mind.

"Our opponents' recent mudslinging through press releases only shows how petty, parochial and traditional their brand of politics is," Barbers said.

"The people know that we have been working," he said. "We are always with them. We are constantly with the people in our barangays."

"I have the only free rehabilitation program in this city that has been averaging four drug dependent enrollees a day since 1998," he said. "We have successfully implemented that program without city government funds, only pure political will to stop drug abuse and my personal resources."

Joseph said the city secretary's statement was very misleading.

He said many of their absences were due to official reasons and allowable under the law.

"Examples of these are my being part of various national delegations as an Olympic swimming official, my acceptance in the Local Government Academy (where I went) for four months, and my involvement with both the Philippine Councilors League and the National Movement of Young Legislators."

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, March 25, 2001
4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jos 5:9-12

Yahweh said to Joshua, "Today I have removed from you the shame of Egypt." So the place is called Gilgal up to this day.

The Israelites encamped in Gilgal where they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the following day, they ate of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain on that very day. And from that day on when they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased.

There was no more manna for the Israelites, and that year they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan.

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

The one who is in Christ is a new creature. For him the old things have passed away; a new world has come. All this is the work of God who in Christ reconciled us to himself, and who entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation. Because in Christ God reconciled the world with himself, no longer taking into account their trespasses and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we present ourselves as ambassadors in the name of Christ, as if God himself makes an appeal to you through us. Let God reconcile you; this we ask you in the name of Christ. He had no sin, but God made him bear our sin, so that in him we might share the holiness of God.

Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were seeking the company of Jesus, all of them eager to hear what he had to say. But the Pharisees and the scribes frowned at this, muttering. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man with two sons. The younger said to his father: 'Give me my share of the estate.' So the father divided his property between them.

Some days later, the younger son gathered all his belongings and started off for a distant land where he squandered his wealth in loose living. Having spent everything, he was hard pressed when a severe famine broke out in that land. So he hired himself out to a well-to-do citizen of that place and was sent to work on a pig farm. So famished was he that he longed to fill his stomach even with the food given to the pigs, but no one offered him anything.

Finally coming to his senses, he said: 'How many of my father's hired workers have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will get up and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and before you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me then as one of your hired servants.' With that thought in mind he set off for his father's house.

He was still a long way off when his father caught sight of him. His father was so deeply moved with compassion that he ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. The son said: 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. I no longer deserve to be called your son . . .'

But the father turned to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and kill it. We shall celebrate and have a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' And the celebration began.

Meanwhile, the elder son had been working in the fields. As he returned and was near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what it was all about. The servant answered: 'Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father is so happy about it that he has ordered this celebration and killed the fattened calf.'

The elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and pleaded with him. The indignant son said: 'Look, I have slaved for you all these years. Never have I disobeyed your orders. Yet you have never given me even a young goat to celebrate with my friends. Then when this son of yours returns after squandering your property with loose women, you kill the fattened calf for him.'

The father said: 'My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But this brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost and is found. And for that we had to rejoice and be glad.'"

Commentary:

Lent is a season of joy because it is a season of penance—of a change of heart from being self-centered to being God/Kingdom centered. By today, the 4th Sunday of Lent, we must have already come to terms with the false image of God that has been operating in our lives. Do we serve God and others just because we hope to get a reward, to get what we believe is our just inheritance? Sometimes many of us have become so capitalistic, that it colors all our relationships and activities. We relate with others and do things to them always with strings attached. It's me and what's mine that matter. Look at your baptismal grace and know who you really are! The rest are accidental and don't matter at all.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS)—*Habeas corpus—Habeas corpus* is a high prerogative writ which furnishes an extraordinary remedy and may not thus be invoked under normal circumstances but, as the Court of Appeals has so aptly explained, the illegal order and warrant of arrest issued by petitioner Judge subsists and private respondents is offered no speedy, adequate remedy or appeal in the ordinary course of law. The writ of habeas corpus, although not designed to interrupt the orderly administration of justice, can be invoked, in fine, by the attendance of a special circumstance that requires immediate action. Such a special circumstance is here present considering that respondent cannot resort to the remedy of a motion to quash, the case no longer being with petitioner judge, and neither could he ask for a reinvestigation because the preliminary investigation for purposes of filing the information has already been taken over by the Provincial Prosecutor. The latter, upon the other hand, does not have the authority to lift the warrant of arrest issued by the disqualified judge. Meantime, respondent is being held and detained under an illegal order and warrant of arrest which has no legal standing. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Vitug, Third Division, Calvan v, Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 140823, October 3, 2000]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

4 men make mistake of robbing policeman

FOUR petty thieves are behind bars after making the mistake of robbing a police official in a passenger jeepney in Sta. Cruz, Manila yesterday morning.

Insp. Julian Olonan, a night-shift platoon commander at the Western Police District's Station 8 in Sta. Mesa, managed to catch one of the suspects during a chase in Manila's Rizal Park.

Police said Jonel Ilustre, 34, and Mario Santos, 18, residents of Cabildo Street, Intramuros; Benjamin Caringal, 18, of Paco; and Rolando Yangco, 20, of Torcillos Street, Dagat-dagatan, Caloocan City, are all members of the dreaded "Estribo Gang" who prey on commuters.

Investigator SPO1 Carlos Santos said Olonan boarded the Baclaran-bound jeepney on Rizal Avenue in Sta. Cruz at about 7 a.m.

As the jeepney reached P. Burgos Drive near the National Museum, Santos announced a holdup. He and his companions drew daggers and threatened the passengers, police said.

Olonan, who was in civilian clothes, said he lost his diver's watch, his mobile phone and wallet containing P1,300.

When the suspects alighted from the jeepney and ran towards Intramuros, the policeman chased them and managed to catch Ilustre.

Olonan turned over Ilustre to the Rizal Park community precinct. The station commander, Chief Insp. Jimmy Tiu, ordered his men to track down the rest of the gang.

Later, a police team caught the three other suspects in a house on Cabildo Street where they were dividing the loot.

Police recovered Olonan's money and valuables as well as those belonging to the other passengers.

Jerome Aning

Trader threatened with a gun when he greets cop

A BUSINESSMAN who claimed he only greeted a policeman "good evening" got the shock of his life when the lawman returned the compliment by poking a gun at him in Binondo, Manila on Friday night.

Manila police arrested and charged with grave threats PO3 Oliver Lim, 30, of the Anti-Narcotics Group at the national police headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Renato Verinato, 36, of M. Natividad Street, Sta. Cruz, told investigators that when he was about to fetch his wife from a friend's house on Salazar Street, Binondo at about 11:45 p.m., he saw PO3 Lim standing by the doorway and smoking a cigarette.

"He was in uniform so I courteously greeted him, 'good evening,'" Verinato said in a complaint he filed with the Western Police District general assignments section.

"I thought he would respond in an affirmative way but I was surprised when he suddenly hurled invectives and poked his gun at me," Verinato said.

He said he screamed for help and neighbors called police.

The suspect denied Verinato's charges and claimed it was the complainant who cursed him.

Jerome Aning

New group to provide emotional, legal aid for accident victims

By Alcuin Papa

A CITIZENS' organization that will act as a support group for relatives and families of accident victims was formed yesterday in the wake of Monday's two vehicular accidents that killed 25 people.

Antonio Basa, organizer of the Philippine Advocates for Reducing Reckless Road Accidents or Parra, said the private group wants to provide "spiritual, emotional, practical, moral and legal support" to victims, survivors, families and friends of those killed, injured or disabled by road accidents.

"For us Filipinos, the excuse or the common comment is that 'it was an accident and it wasn't meant to happen,' even if the accident was a result of reckless driving, driving under the influence of drugs or liquor, the driver's sleepiness and fatigue, sheer negligence or poor vehicle maintenance," Basa said.

The real concern should be the lives that are lost," he said.

He noted that in Europe, vehicular accidents are no longer referred to as accidents but as 'collisions."

"These things are not accidents," he said. "They are man-made. We can't just say '*Sori na lang*' when there is an accident. It can be avoided. We have to change our perspective on this because we have become desensitized by accidents. We have to be more sensitive."

Another group, the Movement for Efficient Traffic and Road Order or Metro, was formed side by side with Parra.

Metro president Antonio Villegas said his group aims to "seek and provide thorough solutions to traffic problems."

"We need to focus on engineering, enforcement, education, concern for the environment and public health, traffic economics and road safety if we are to solve the problem of traffic in the city," Villegas told the Inquirer.

The two groups are also advocating an increase in the penalty for drunken driving, from four years to 10 years.

Basa also cited United Nations statistics that said more than a million people are killed in road accidents every year. Another study by the University of the Philippines estimated that more than P50 billion a year is lost because of road accidents.

Villegas proposed a Road Awareness Week to increase awareness of proper traffic and driving rules.

Both Villegas and Basa warned that since Holy Week is near, there might be an upsurge in road accidents as city residents motor to the provinces.

From news subject . . .

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seven classmates were convicted in 1979 for the hazing that resulted in the death of a frat neophyte.

Coloma, who belonged to the Phi Lambda Epsilon fraternity, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

"My sentence was commuted and I was released after 11 years, eight months, three weeks and two days in prison," he narrates.

He says the patience and love of his girlfriend and classmate, Marilyn, gave him hope. "She waited for me," he says in Filipino.

While he was in prison, Coloma, a Catholic, was converted to the Iglesia ni Cristo.

He and Marilyn eventually married and now have one son and three daughters, aged 8 to 17. The two eldest were conceived during Marilyn's conjugal visits in prison, he says.

"My eldest is also taking up criminology at the Emilio Aguinaldo College and I told him not to get involved in any hazing," Coloma says during a pause at work. He often darts from one car driver to another selling newspapers on a street in Parañaque.

After he was released from prison, a friend gave him a job as a pier security guard. He did not last long in the job. "Masyadong maraming luko-loko doon," he says.

He opted to start his own business. The opportunity came when his wife's aunt, a newspaper dealer, gave him a consignment of newspapers to sell. No capital was required of him.

He and a brother-in-law share the earnings from the sale of more than 2,000 broadsheets and tabloids daily. They earn an average of P400 daily. They get P3 for each broadsheet sold and P2 for each tabloid.

With the combined income of Coloma and his wife, who has been a policewoman for 18 years now, they were able to buy a two-story, two-bedroom unit at the Pasay/Kalayaan Bliss housing for policemen and teachers.

Coloma declares himself a househusband, since it is his wife who has regular work hours.

"I wake up at 4 in the morning and sell papers until 11 or 12, after which I go home to rest since I'm on my feet the entire morning," he says with a smile. "After resting, I cook, do the laundry and iron clothes."

He is a familiar sight on the Merville Access Road in Pasay City, where he is always seen wearing a cap or a towel around his head, a T-shirt, shorts and slippers.

He finds the vending trade safe, since it is not usually a target of holdup men or police harassment, he says with a grin. And he does not have to pay rent to anyone since he uses a pushcart to hold his newspapers.

He does not observe holidays. On Sundays, however, he takes a couple of hours off in the morning to worship at the Malibay INC Church.

He has a lot of regular customers, mostly motorists and residents of Moonwalk, Merville and adjoining subdivisions. During Christmas, he receives gifts of T-shirts, even cash, from the regulars.

Asked which is the fastest selling newspaper, Coloma quickly answers, "The INQUIRER, followed by the tabloids."

Hospital waives charges . . .

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Dy said in a letter to the INQUIRER that the hospital had spent more than P250,000 "for Joe Marwin's hospitalization, excluding the doctors' fees which I believe our surgeons will also waive."

"As a matter of fact, our hospital has spent P3,565,386.76 for 19 LRT bombing victims, 14 of whom we have discharged without requiring them to pay their hospital bills," Dy said.

According to him, two of the bombing victims "are still in unstable condition, one of whom has been confined in the intensive care unit (ICU) since his admission last Dec. 30."

Dy said they were "hurt and offended" when this paper reported that Torlao's mother, Rosalea, was "deep in debt" and "desperate" because she did not know how she would be able to settle her son's hospital bills.

Rosalea also said her son's hospital bills had gone past P300,000. Then-President Joseph Estrada had given her P70,000 in January.

Of that amount, P50,000 was spent for the funeral expenses of Buboy's father, Roweno.

"At the outset, I already informed Joe Marwin's mother and all concerned that the hospital will waive all charges, including medicines and I have even pledged to donate from my own personal funds an artificial leg," Dy said. "I gave instructions to disregard all hospital regulations with regards to all bombing victims and to give them full medical attention."

Joe Marwin lost his left leg after a bomb exploded in an LRT coach near the train's Blumentritt station in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Roweno, a driver of the Rolfer Trucking Co., and 21 others were killed. About 100 other train passengers were injured.

ROTC . . .

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ceived death threats while the defense department's Regional Community Defense Group (RCDG) was investigating their complaint against allegedly corrupt ROTC officials.

"The death threats they received during the investigation can be used to establish a motive behind the killing of Chua and to build our case against the suspects," the investigator added.

When found in the Pasig River, Chua, 19, was wrapped in a carpet. He was hog-tied and his head was wrapped in masking tape.

Police said Chua appeared to have suffocated. The decomposing body was later identified by his father through the dog tag the student was wearing.

Police are also looking for the other UST students, ROTC cadet and cadet officers and ROTC staff interviewed by the campus paper The Varsitarian, as well as the reporter who broke the story.

In The Varsitarian's Feb. 21 issue, the students aired various grievances against the ROTC, including the sale of nonexistent uniform accessories and lecture manuals, illegal suspension and a gun-toting incident.

SPO3 Casimiro protested the separate investigation of Chua's death the UST-ROTC is conducting. He said the investigation, even if mandated by the RCDG, should have been at least coordinated with his own probe.

Casimiro said he learned yesterday that four Army reserved officers claimed to be members of an "ROTC team" tasked to investigate Chua's death. The ROTC officers reportedly told Casimiro they would also provide security to Chua's father.

The policeman said the existence of the two investigations is confusing the witnesses.

"Chua's death is the police's business," the policeman said. "I think the ROTC should only bother about the exposé."

Furor over sexy films flares up anew

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE BEST way of the current *sturm und drang* over sex flicks is for whoever is appointed as the new MTRCB chair to realize that he has not one, but several constituencies whose rights he and his board must uphold:

Film people have the right to make the movies they want to make.

Minors have the right to be protected from mature film fare that they may be too young to adequately handle.

Parents, educators and religious leaders have the right to make sure that these minors are protected.

Adult viewers have the right to choose which movies they want to see.

And the State has the right to protect itself and its citizens from film fare that may be inimical or injurious to public order, the rights of and religious groups and other sectors, etc.

At the moment, each of these rights is being variously defended by different groups, who are all pressuring the MTRCB to agree with their positions, even if they are in conflict with one another.

To the movie artist, for example, freedom of film is the paramount consideration, even if it is occasionally excessive. While the moral activist finds it hard to agree with adult viewers who insist that only they can choose the movies they want to see, and if those films are tawdry, then so be it.

Pleasing all of these combative and disputatious groups is a tough juggling act, but the MTRCB has to do it. That's why its system of classification instead of censorship is regarded as the best way to uphold these various rights.

After all, censorship means cutting, and that's an infringement on film freedom, and robs adult viewers of their right to choose.

On the other hand, with classification, no cuts are made by the board. It simply decides on the proper age group of the viewers that are deemed mature enough to watch a particular movie with no grave harm to their psyches.

If deletions are to be made, it is the movie's producer who decides on them, if he wants his movie to be seen by a wider audience (PG-13, for instance, instead of R-18).

So, the rights of artists, minors, adults, parents, educators, religious leaders and the State are all upheld, because the integrity of the film product is respected, and yet there is a measure of control imposed to make sure that minors are protected.

Since the protection of minors is of the greatest import in the classification process of film regulation, we believe that, instead of including so many lawyers, relatives of politicians, clerics and military officers, etc., as the board traditionally has done, the MTRCB should have a substantial number of child psychologists among its members.

After all, laymen can only surmise what a film's negative effects on minors might be, while it is the child psychologist's business to really know.

Also, since the board's verdicts should reflect community standards, it should further open up its membership to representatives of the major sectors of society, including workers and students.

All too often, it's the "leaders" of society who hold sway because they feel they have the duty to protect the country from excesses—but do their perhaps rarefied views really reflect "prevalent community standards?"

Finally, the contending groups should stop hurling strident invectives at one another, because they're only generating heat, not light. During this clangorously contentious period, what we're all in dire need of is genuine illumination.

TV treat

WEDNESDAY, March 29 at 9 p.m. on the National Geographic Channel, "Kauik, Television Star" spotlights the famous dog in the TV version of "Call of the Wild."

Another feature is on Mas, a Newfoundlander that bravely leaps from a helicopter, swims to victims and pulls them safely to shore.

Movie industry members unite in the Nick of time

BY LEAH SALTERIO

ROMERO

ROÑO

REYES

CAPARAS

THE RESIGNATION of Nicanor Tiongson as chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) has only fanned the flames of ardor in the film industry's fight for freedom of expression.

It has also united the members of the industry, according to Regal Films matriarch Lily Monteverde, producer of the Joey Javier Reyes movie "Live Show" that triggered Tiongson's departure from the MTRCB.

On Wednesday, Tiongson quit his post as chief censor after the influential Catholic Church criticized the MTRCB for allowing the exhibition of "Live Show."

On Thursday, Malacañang recalled "Live Show" from the theaters.

Also on Thursday, filmmakers, actors and producers gathered to plan a protest rally. At 1 p.m. tomorrow, they will march from Morayta in Sampaloc to Mendiola near Malacañang to denounce President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to ban "Live Show."

"But the rally is not the solution," says Joel Lamangan, spokesperson of the Concerned Artists of the Philippines. "It's just the start of our fight for freedom of expression."

Even texters were quick to use the power of mobile phones in condemning Macapagal's decision. Apparently, it has even affected her endorsement of the 13 candidates of the People Power Coalition.

One message reads, "After MTRCB fiasco manipulated by Sin and executed by puppet GMA, what used to be 13-0 for GMA is now 0-0. What a waste Edsa 2 is. Too bad, too sad."

Ignoring the law

Director Eddie Romero, who created the classics "Aguila" and "Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon," sees nothing new in the Church meddling in government affairs.

"That's been going on for a long time," he notes. "It's about time we determined what our civil liberties mean. Just how do they want to limit our rights? And if they do, why not put the limits into law? In the recent political events, we've been ignoring the law left and right in the name of justice and truth."

Romero believes Tiongson had no choice but to resign. "He was repudiated by the person who recommended him. The President refused to support him."

Romero feels President Macapagal should define the limits of freedom of expression or define obscenity.

He sees a much bigger problem than the mere banning of a film. "I see a tendency of some people with vested interest to interpret the law according to their moral values," he says. "It's not just movies, it's everything, including public policy.

"I don't mind the Church speaking up and denouncing a certain movie, that's their privilege. But to use their power and influence to affect the operations of government, that's something else."

Scary scenario

Romero feels the scenario is more scary now, when people are aware that the Church can influence the decision of the administration. "The field is open now because any powerful 'introspector' can say what the law means and what they want it to mean."

He points out that the MTRCB's job is classification, "a transition toward self-regulation. That was the purpose of that (Marcos) decree 16 years ago."

He said the recent turn of events in the movie industry has been disappointing not just for the movies but for all media.

"The movies have always been a stepchild of Philippine media. But if the government can do this to movies, it can also do it to TV and radio. We should all get together if we really mean what we think and denounce this."

Strong principles

Chito Roño was among the industry people who recommended Tiongson to Malacañang. Rono directed last year's critically acclaimed "Laro sa Baga" and the Metro Manila Film Festival top-grosser, "Spirit Warriors."

"He's respectable," Roño says of Tiongson. "From my personal point of view, he was the best choice for chief censor.

"There was no doubt that the industry welcomed him with open arms. We were all happy he was the one who took charge of the MTRCB after Tita Midz (Armida Siguion-Reyna)."

Roño was also saddened that Tiongson had to leave the censors body after only five weeks.

"We nominated him because of his strong principles," Rono says. "This turmoil now only proves that point, that even with the Pope, Nick would not bend his principles.

"From the start, he made it clear he would follow the dictates of his conscience and would not bow to the Church.

"Only the stupid would follow the Church today."

Dignified stand

Roño also notes that before Siguipn-Reyna, all the chief censors merely acted as "clowns" of the administration.

"From Manoling Morato to Etta Mendez and Jess Sison, they didn't understand the industry they were regulating," Roño says. "They were all hysterical. The only good one was Armida, and then, Nick, if he had been given a chance.

"Compared to Tita Midz, Nick is more conservative, more careful, less vocal and never loud. He always has that dignified stand."

Roño believes that the Macapagal administration is not interested in the growth of the local film industry and is merely toeing the Church line.

"The President owes her authority to the military and the Church," he says. "That's why she failed to see the changes that the people want. She was not elected like Cory Aquino. She (Macapagal) has to see there are so many other aspects in society that need to be addressed."

For Roño, the Church is losing its moral authority everywhere in the world. "That's why they wrestle with show biz because show biz is a wonderful ground and a perfect venue for them to be noticed," he maintains. "You fight with show biz and you become talked about. Show biz has become the consistent dart board to jumpstart a failing authority."

'Only the director'

Regal Films resident director Joey Gosiengfiao feels that Tiongson did the right thing in quitting the MTRCB post.

"He has to stand for what he believes in," says Gosiengfiao. "He cannot recall the movie because it has been approved. Only the President can recall it."

Surprisingly, "Live Show" director Reyes does not denounce the decision of the President. Neither does he condemn the moralists of the Church.

"I am only the director," Reyes says. "If a move has to be done, the producer should do it."

But Reyes believes in the separation of the Church and the State. He accuses the Church of bigotry for allegedly putting pressure on Presisdent Macapagal to censor his film.

"We artists merely reflect what we see," Reyes says. "This is an issue of national concern and I am aware I'm in the eye of the storm. If this is a problem, there is a solution. But if this is not a problem, it's a situation. We make our moves based on the fact that it is a problem or situation.

"I always believe nothing happens accidentally. I'd rather look at it on a much larger scale, rather than ponder on my personal anguish about what they say about my film."

Reyes insists he has no hidden agenda, contrary to one of the text messages going around. "I am not interested in any public office," he says. "I can do so much more being a private citizen."

No meddling

Carlo J. Caparas, director of blockbuster massacre movies, says the reaction of the Church to "Live Show" is a kind of protest against pornography.

"The Church can give its side on anything that it thinks has evil intentions, like pornography in print or TV," Caparas says. "The Church is like our parents."

However, he says that once a movie is rated by the MTRCB, no one should question the rating.

"(The movie) is the property of the filmmakers and the moviegoing public."

He says any artist should be allowed to express himself. "Whose artist will allow someone to suppress his ideas or question his choices? Even I, I don't want anyone to meddle with my work. No matter how poor an artist is, the only freedom he has is when he expresses his art. That's happiness and fulfillment for him.

"What a painter wants to paint, what a singer wants to sing or what a director wants to direct, I cannot quarrel with that.

"In Europe, when members of royalty watch an important event and a streaker appears, they are amused. But cops go after the streaker and penalize him. That means streaking is not allowed.

"When someone disrobes and comes out in public, he will definitely catch attention and that is naturally considered vulgar by many."

Caparas' wife Donna Villa, who is a movie producer, points out that since the Philippines is predominantly a Catholic country, it's hard to ignore the Church.

"But as a producer, I'm for whatever can make the industry alive, dynamic and progressive," she says. "This is not a major problem, it's just a situation, so I hope it doesn't get worse."

ICEBOX SIZZLES

Spiked and flaming orange hair, Jamaican dreadlocks, boy-next-door, deadpan humor—how eclectic can one band get? For the members of Icebox, these differences are actually the glue that binds them together in their search for a special place in the entertainment spotlight. Formed two years ago, six chums whose friendship goes all the way back to their college days decided to form a band out of love for music. Red Gonzales (lead guitar), Roland Roque (base), Ganni Valenzuela (keyboards), Ro Reyes (vocalist) and Bro. Ispayk (vocalist) pooled their musical talents together and thus began their wild and zany adventure in the local music scene. Their newest member is drummer Zachary Nuñez. The group performs regularly at Watering Hole (Edsa Shangri-La), Soundstage (Cainta), Gallo's (Sucat, Paranaque) and Fat Tuesdays (Ayala Alabang). Their repertoire ranges from R&B, ballads, pop and disco to rock and heavy metal, depending on the audience clamor. They have come up with an all-original album, "E-Love," released last year under Infiniti Music.

FILIPINO ROCK BAND MAKES WAVES IN CALIFORNIA

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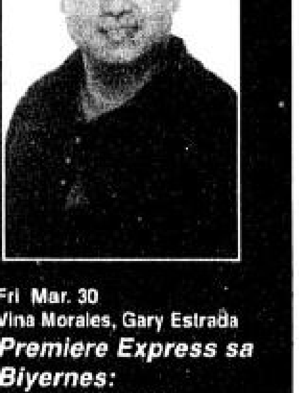

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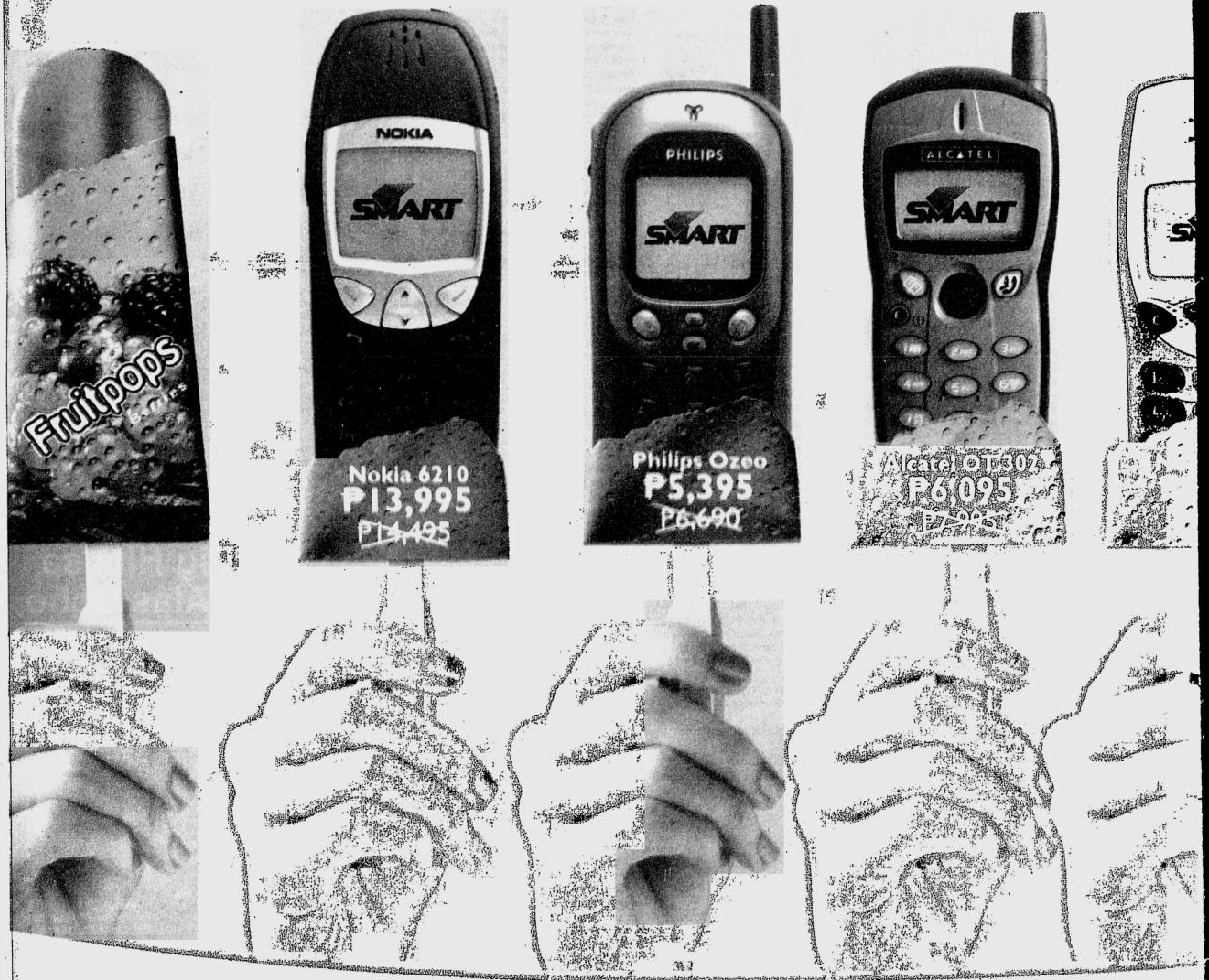
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4	DOLBY SURROUND	CHOCOLAT
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TUTUBAN CENTER		2514302
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3	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	PANABLA
4	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	SA HULING PAGHIHINTAY

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5	ULTRA SURROUND	SNATCH
6	ULTRA SURROUND	OOOPS, TEKA LANG
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4	ULTRA SURROUND	TUHOG
5	ULTRA SURROUND	HANNIBAL
6	ULTRA SURROUND	OOOPS, TEKA LANG
7	ULTRA SURROUND	CLOSED
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7 GOLD (DOLBY)	QUILLS
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9 (DOLBY)	THE GIFT

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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

'S-Files' airs Dingdong-Jessa wedding coverage today on GMA 7

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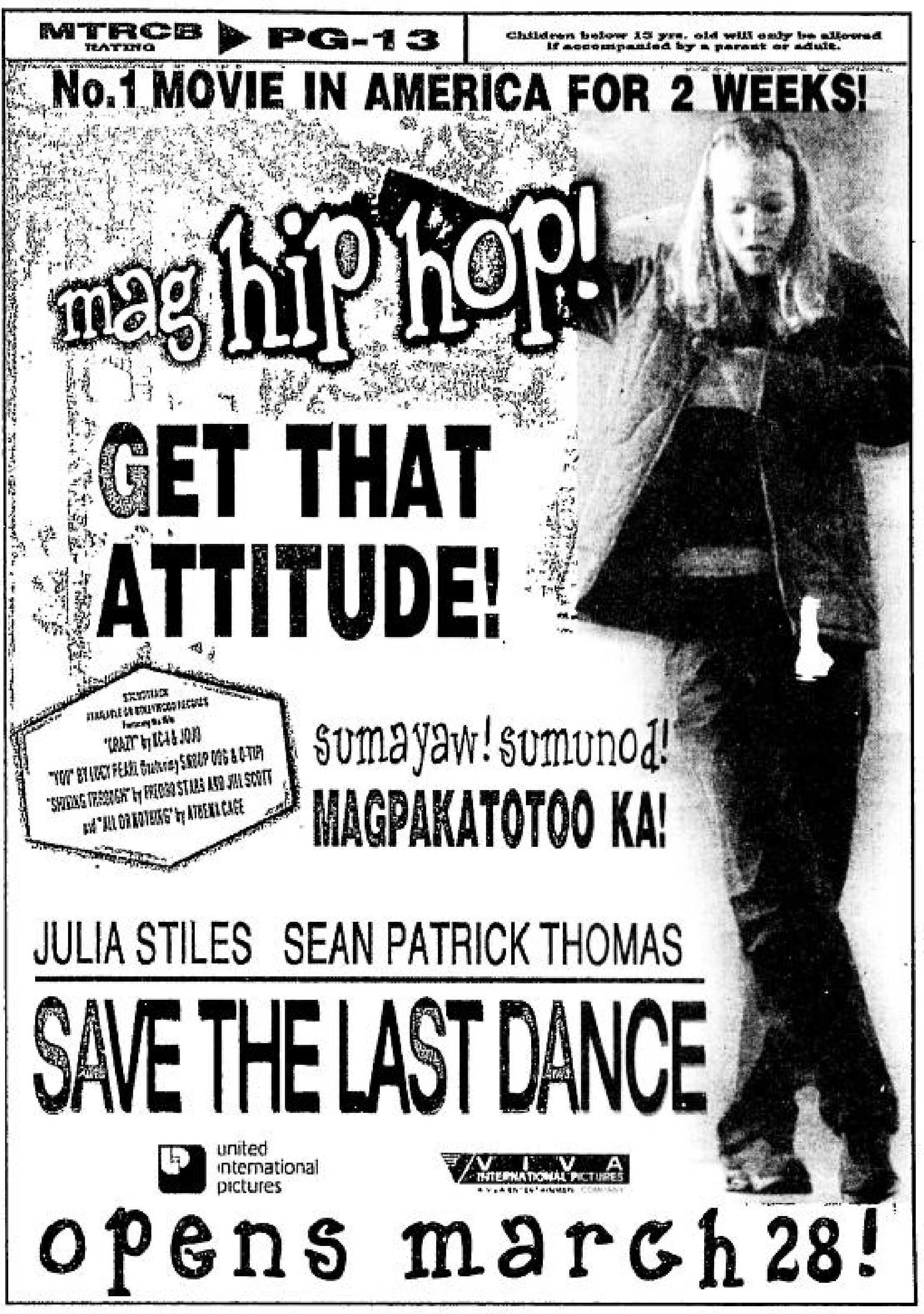

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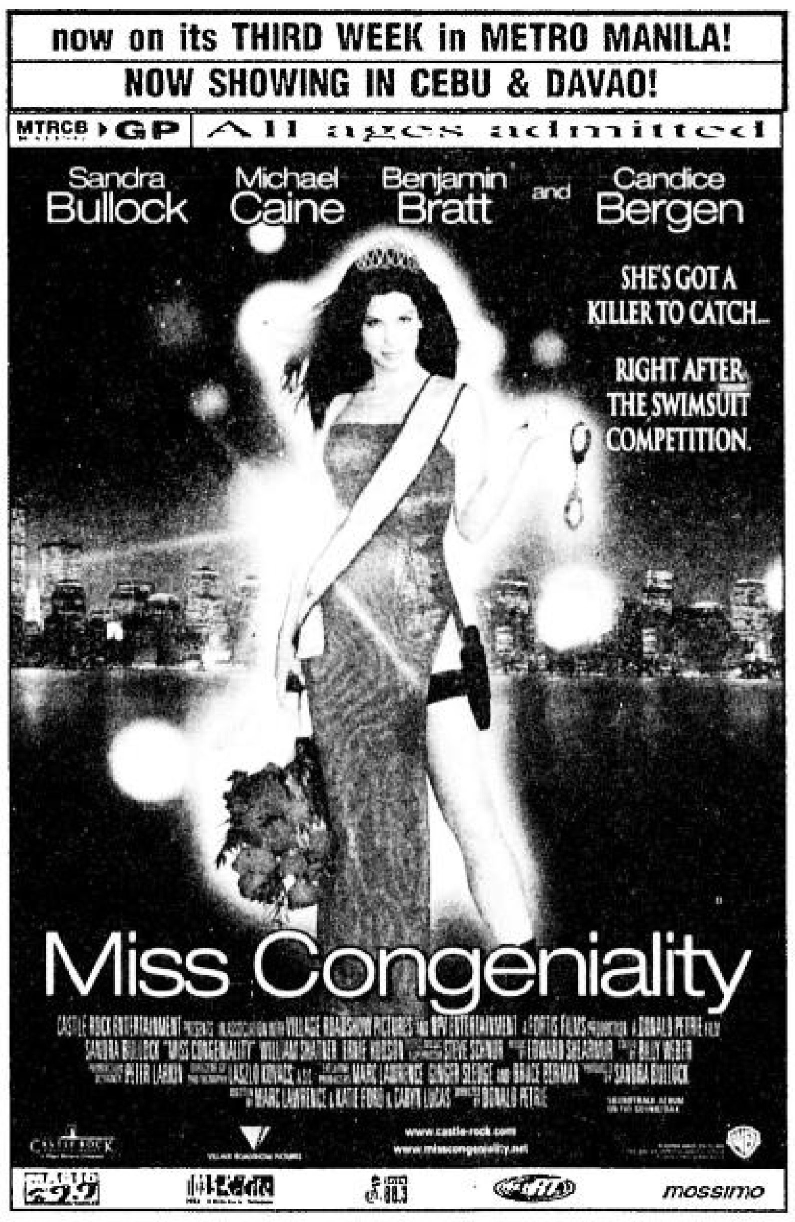

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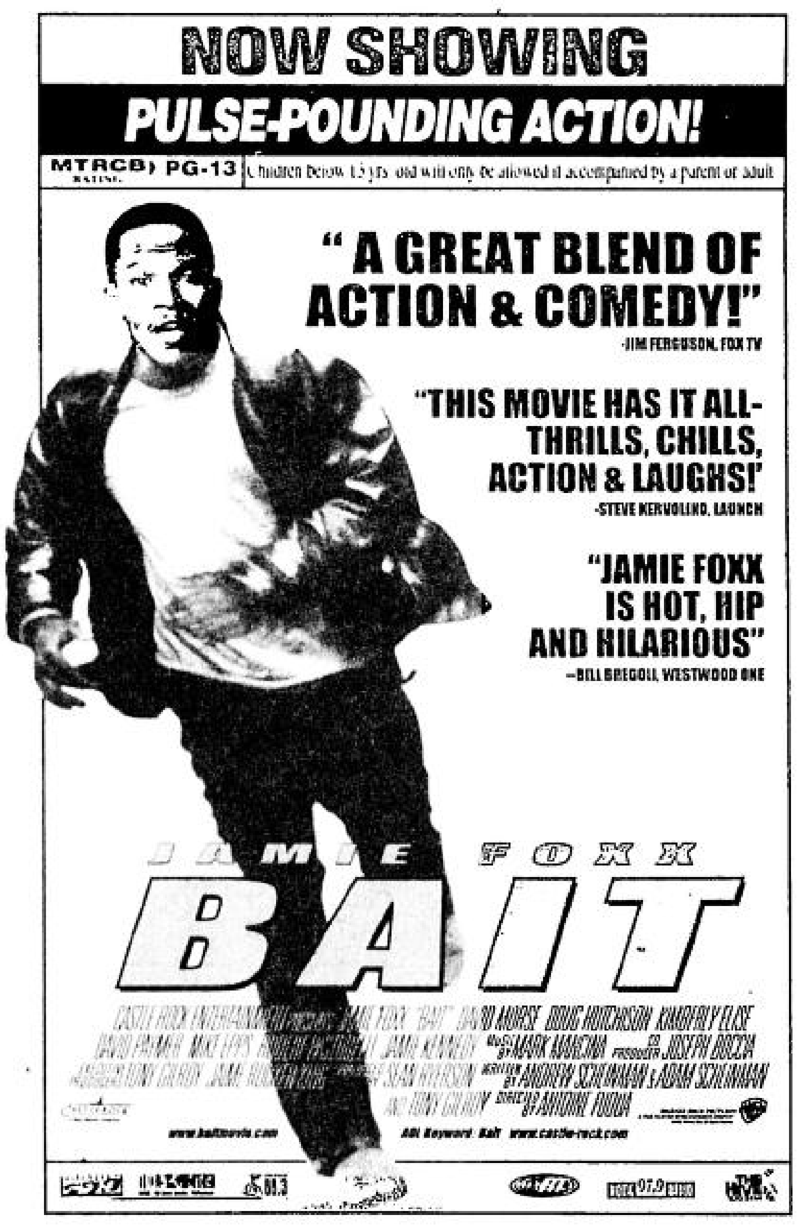

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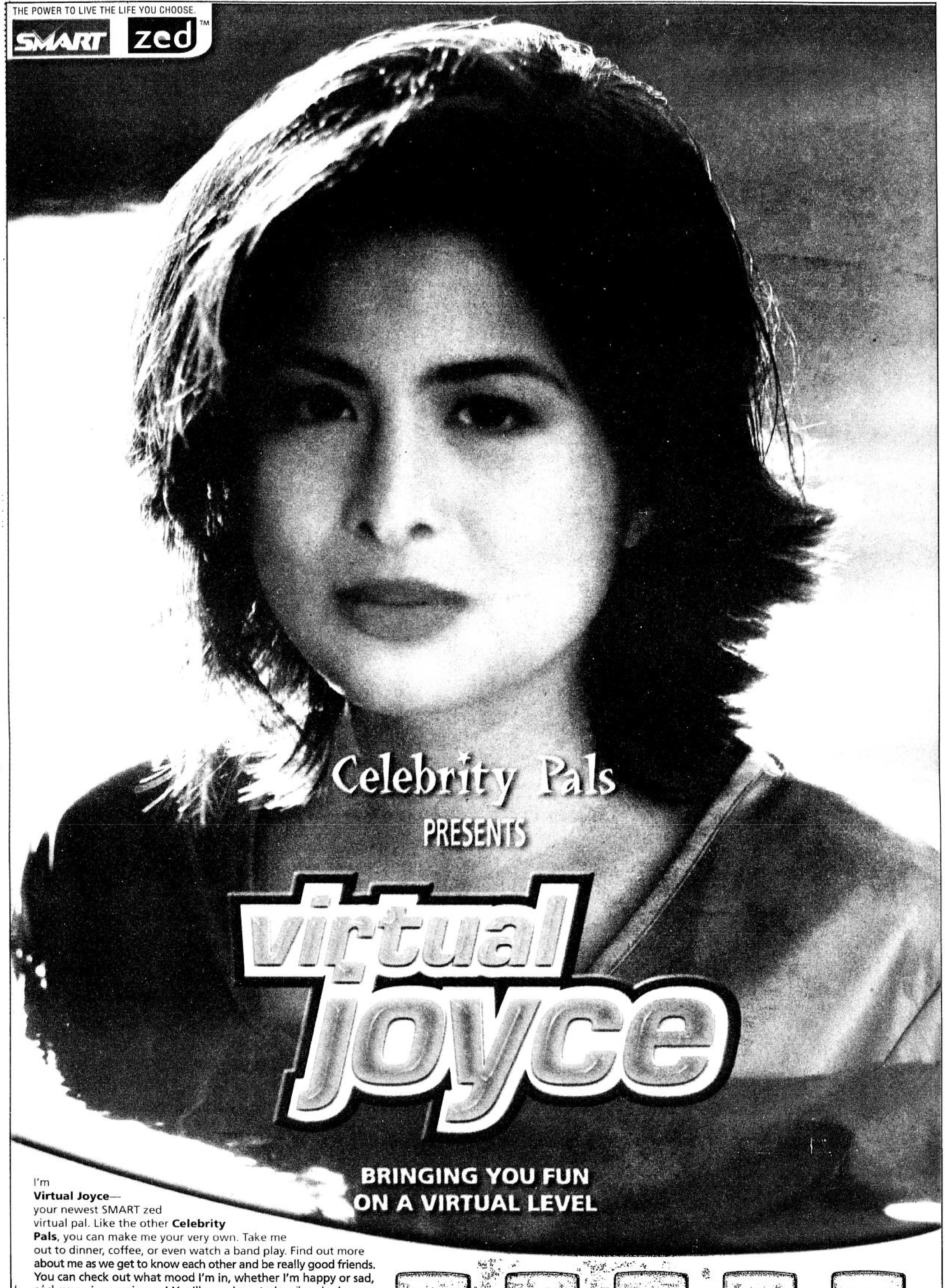

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MALE POWER DRESSING A MUST

Clothes can make or break a deal

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

A RICH matron was deciding where to invest her millions in idle assets. The two banks she was considering were both large, experts in their fields and had sound banking practices.

The only difference was that one bank representative was well groomed and dressed well. She chose him.

Mario Katigbak of Bulgari at 6750 Ayala Ave. tells SundayBiz that appearance and the way a person dresses is important in the corporate world as it can make or break a deal, especially if it is the only thing that sets a person apart from the competition.

MARIO Katigbak of Bulgari says conservative executives can express their personality through neckties.

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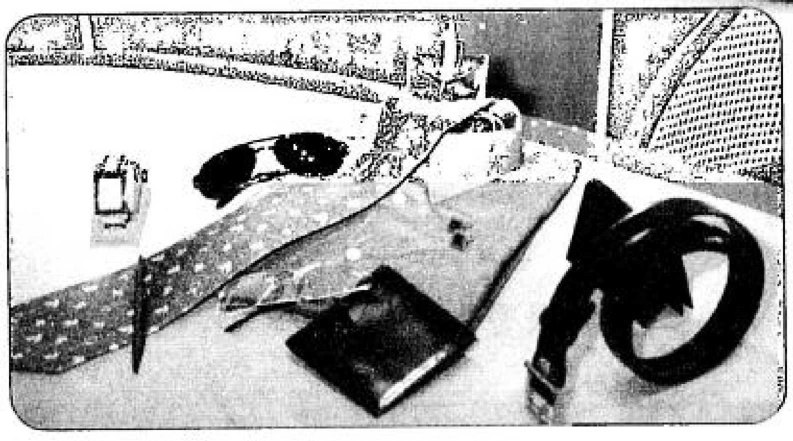

THE EXECUTIVE who's out to get that deal should invest in quality clothes and accessories like a watch, belt, wallet, calling card holder, pen and even perfume.

"Many people say that they are more inclined to entrust their money with someone who looks very well put together. They say that someone who takes care of their appearance can very well take care of their money," Katigbak says.

Katigbak stresses that an executive need not spend thousands to look good. Some executives, he says, buy the most expensive shirt, jacket, tie and suit but still fail to look classy, so it's not the clothes per se but in the way they are worn and put together.

"Bankers, for instance, should be a little more conservative in the way they dress. They should stick to the basics like black, blue and gray. People who are in the creative business, like architects, on the other hand, can be a little more trendy and wear other colors," Katigbak says.

Katigbak says that it is only through the necktie that even the most conservative bankers can play around with colors. If the plain blue, black and gray shirts are the canvas then the necktie is the splash of color.

"People can express their creativity and their sentiment through their neckties. Filipinos are still very conservative in the way they choose their shirts, so they need a nice tie to bring out their personality and make the shirts a little more trendy," Katigbak explains.

Katigbak says a striped shirt should be paired with a plain tie, while a plain shirt can be paired with printed ties. Gray shirts can be paired with pink or light colored ties to brighten it a bit. Ties with cartoon characters, he says, are definitely inappropriate for executives.

He says that it pays to invest in good silk ties in conservative prints since these never go out of style and can be paired with a number of shirts.

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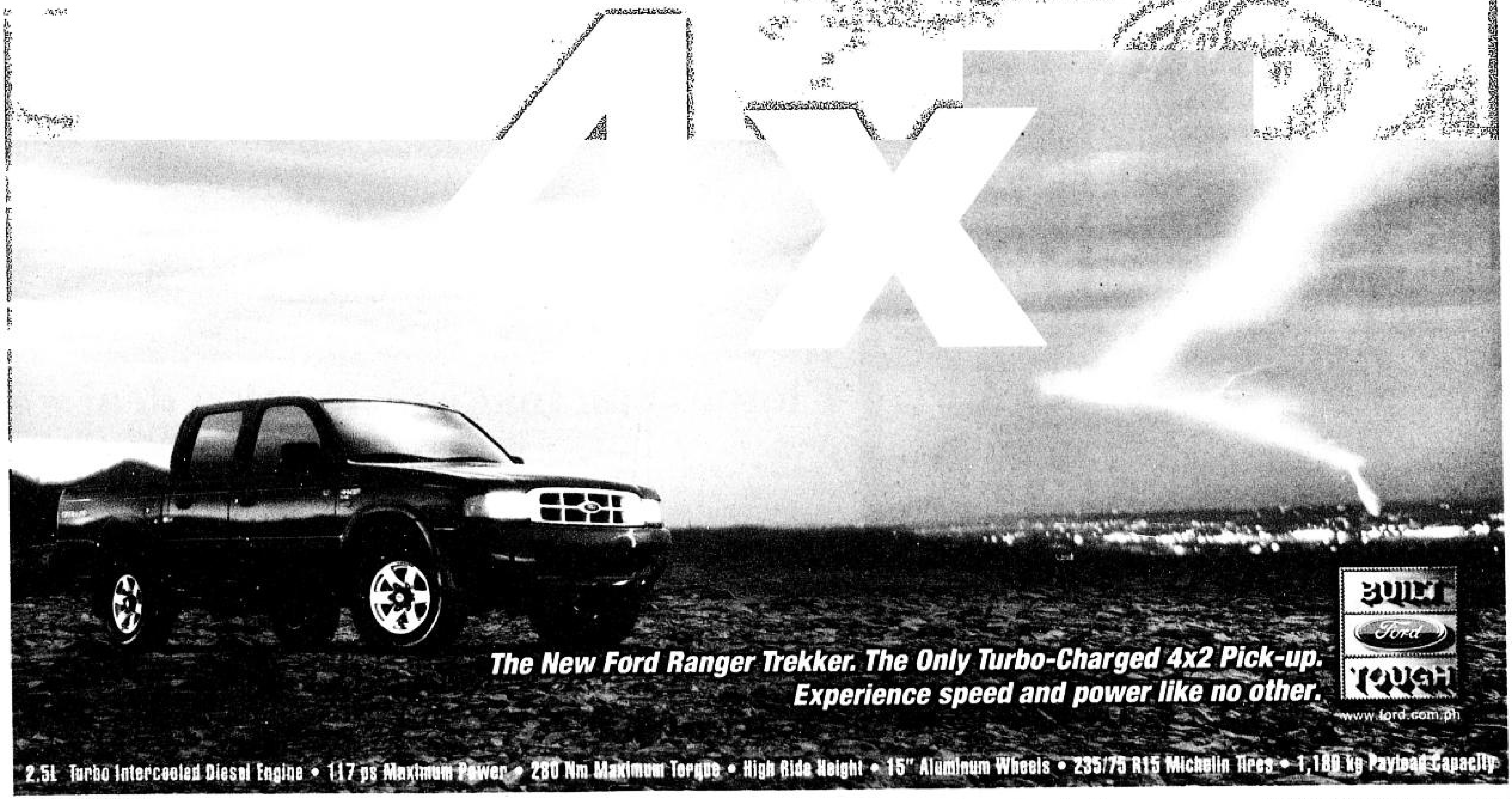

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Internet start-up the latest buzz on the music scene

BY ANDREW GARCIA

WITH the demise of online startups, it is a wonder that the likes of Napster and Gnutelia continue to solidify the online distribution of music, counting millions of worldwide users.

The problem with such ventures is that companies such as Napster have become targets of class-action lawsuits initiated by various artists and executive bigwigs in the commercial recording industry. The main problem? Copyright and royalty issues.

Enter Soundbuzz. This Singapore-based retailer leads the digital music revolution in Asia via legitimate distribution of music in encrypted CD format through its website www.soundbuzz.com.

Through ground-breaking strategic alliances with various worldwide record labels, Soundbuzz hopes to capture a piece of the Internet pie while avoiding Napster-like copyright issues providing a beneficial means for both users and artists.

The brainchild of former MTV Asia executives, Soundbuzz execs were recently in the country to push its marketing campaign and meet with potential local partners led by CEO and cofounder Sudhanshu Sarronwala and project director Janet Eng.

Soundbuzz looks to corner the Philippine music industry and promote local artists on the global stage.

Says Sarronwala: "We recognize the tremendous business potential of digital music distribution which has become mainstream in the US and some parts of Europe. The buzz, so to speak is now in Asia, including the Philippines."

According to market-research firm International Data Corp., Internet users in Asia—with the exception of Japan—are expected to rise to 95.2 million in 2001, generating online revenue of $87.5 billion.

The potential for music sales within that market is astounding—Forrester Research reveals that by 2004, music sales on the Net will amount to $5 billion, 15 percent of which will be paid downloads.

"Digitally distributed music is clearly the next big thing in the music industry and Soundbuzz is pioneering in this field," explains Sarronwala. "Our goal is to capture the Asia-Pacific market."

Through Soundbuzz, users can access and sample songs before downloading. Costs range anywhere from free to $1.50 per song (approximately P75).

Music is available from eight countries within the region, including the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan and India. Artists and record companies benefit through a percentage of sales, which augments their own sales and promotions.

Soundbuzz also provides a new distribution channel through which new artists can showcase their talents, and the question of security is alleviated through the use of secured encryption and Digital Rights Management Systems such as Microsoft's Media Rights Manager, Intertrust/Mercufix and Liquid Audio.

Soundbuzz is Asia's first independent online distributor authorized to sell international and local music by artists such as Janet Jackson, Lenny Kravitz, Christina Aguilera, Madison Avenue, Westlife, Eraserheads, Vina Morales and Slapshock among others.

The company also has ties with 15 regional record companies, which include local labels Viva, Universal, Galaxy and Star.

Soundbuzz is backed by Creative Technology (Singapore), the leading provider of Personal Digital Entertainment Solutions, including the world-renowned Soundblaster series of computer peripherals. Its investors also include the National Science and Technology Board of Singapore and EMI Recorded Music.

For 2001, Sarronwala looks to focus on new channels for distribution, such as ISP bundling and mobile phones, in anticipation of a global digital communication revolution still to come. Despite having been in business for a year, Soundbuzz is already at the forefront of the online music industry, combining worldwide reach with rock and roll.

What started worldwide licensing program

THE 1950s marked the beginning of a worldwide licensing program—to manufacture Arrow products under strict specifications in foreign countries. This was a truly original business concept at the time, later imitated by other international brands.

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Arrow responded to the next decades by coming out with the styles of the times. Boldly striped shirts and rich, vividly colored sportswear for the groovy '60s; floral prints for the disco influenced '70s; refined, polished all-cotton dress shirts for the power '80s; and sophisticated shirts, sweaters, trousers and jackets for the global '90s. Like the times, Arrow looked to the past and embraced traditions that had begun decades ago.

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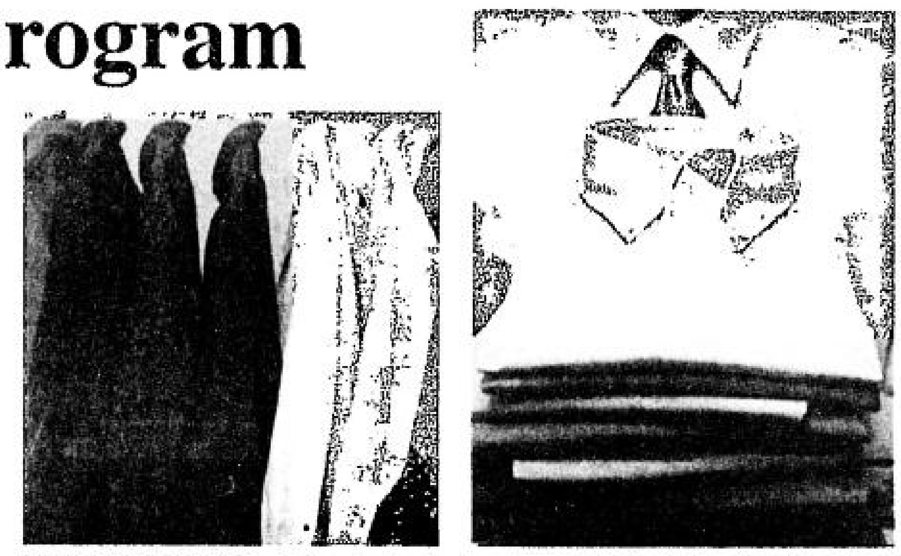

THE 150-YEAR-OLD shirt maker looks to a future which will be global, fast and computer-driven.

FILIPINO executives are generally conservative in the way they dress, sticking to the traditional blue, black and gray shirts.

Clothes can make or break a deal

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Bulgari, he says, sells ties with seven folds for durability. Other ties, he says, thin out after several washings, thus, the knot changes shape after a while.

Bulgari recommends that silk ties be dry cleaned to preserve the color and to roll them when storing to remove the lines and folds.

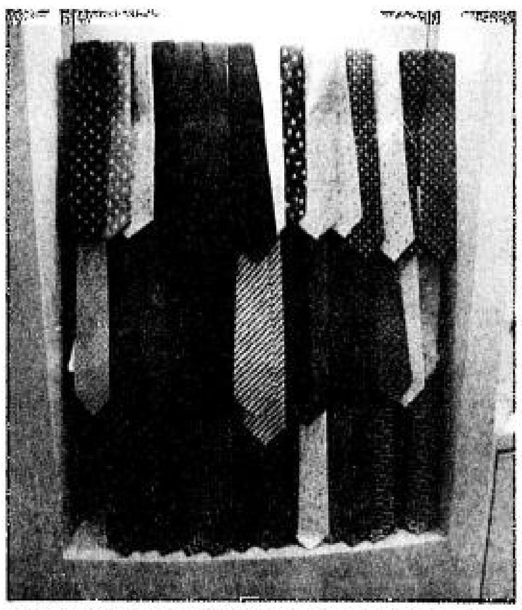
Katigbak also stresses the need to invest in a good pair of shoes and a dress watch. He says these are usually the little things that demonstrate an executive's attention to detail. The saying goes that if you want to know if a person is really neat, then look at the shoes.

"If you are really into investment dressing, you should invest in good shoes, ties and watches because these are the first things that will get a person's attention. Once you have these then you can go for other little details like cufflinks," he says.

Belts, he says, are also necessary accessories in a male executive's wardrobe along with good quality dress socks. The usual rule, he says, is that the color of the socks should never be lighter than the shoes. The belt, on the other hand, must be the same color as the pants or is complimentary.

Square toe shoes are popular these days although some fashion houses are going back to the pointed shoes that used to be popular in the '60s.

Katigbak says it pays to invest in quality clothes and accessories but it does not have to be hard on the pocket. The important thing, he says, is to make sure that the clothes are coordinated, looks comfortable and are appropriate for the position and the business they are in.



PRINTED ties work best with plain shirts and vice versa. As for color, it's either tone on tone or complimentary.

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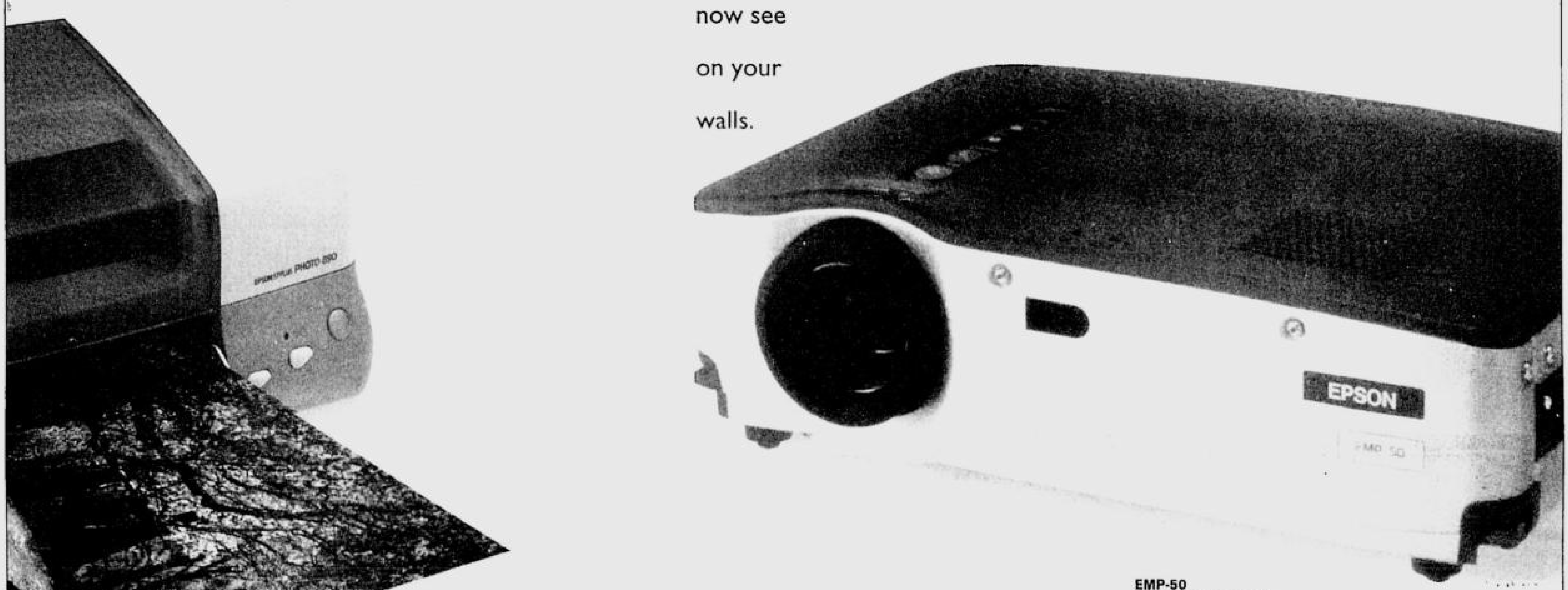

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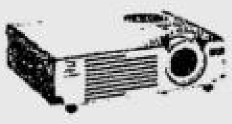
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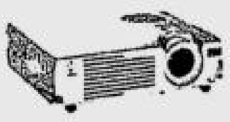
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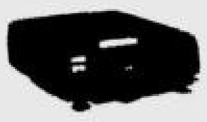
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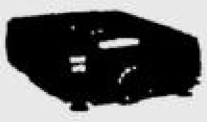
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Civic anti-graft commission proposed

THE INSTITUTE for Popular Democracy (IPD) called upon the administration of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to form a civic anti-graft commission.

In a forum "The Anti-Graft Commission: Will it Work?" sponsored by the IPD and the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Dr. Joel Rocamora, executive director of IPD proposed the formation of a civic anti-corruption body that would have legislative basis.

"This is crucial so it's separate from the President and the partisanship of her political party," Rocamora stressed. To fit the bill, he proposed that the NACC be revived, strengthened and headed by a member of civil society with an unblemished record.

Rocamora also called on President Arroyo to send a clear message against corruption. Rocamora said former President Estrada should be convicted and jailed for his crimes. "We can't do anything else without first doing this," Rocamora added.

Other speakers in the forum were Dr. Eduardo T. Gonzales, DAP president, who presented a "Jumpstart Anti-Corruption Program," the components of which were already being implemented, Gonzales noted.

Among these are an Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded Report Card Survey (RCS) of performing government officials, a Vulnerability Index (CVI) to assess government agencies that are particularly vulnerable to corruption, and a DBM-initiated procurement watch to implement reforms in procurement of goods and services.

Other guests in the forum were lawyer Haydee Yorac, Vicente Paterno, (chair and president, Philippine Seven Corporation), and Dr. Jose Edgardo L. Campos (senior strategy advisor for public sector reform, DBM-Agile).

The IPD-DAP forum was held as part of efforts by the DAP towards effecting more honest, more responsive and effective governance in the country.

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E-BANK RAFFLE WINNER

1st e-Bank recently awarded to Jovencio de Leon Ramos, a client of its Paseo branch, the second of four Nokia 8850 cellphones for winning the second monthly raffle draw of the bank's "Smart Na Libre Pa, Part 2" promo. Photo shows Ramos (center) receiving his cellphone from 1st e-Bank vice president Tristan M. Cruz (right), as Virgilio R. Viscarra, senior manager of 1st e-Bank's Paseo de Roxas branch (left) looks on. The nationwide promo, which runs until March 31, entitles each depositor to a Nokia 3310 cellphone for opening a one-year deposit of P100,000, and a chance to win the monthly raffle for a Nokia 8850.

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EDUCATING YAYAS

MCNAP officers (from left) Erlinda Ahorro, Gaudelia Andaya and Rose Lopez demonstrate to yayas the proper way of feeding, bathing and diapering babies during the free "Nanny Workshop" held recently at the SM Megatrade Conference Center. The nanny workshop, a joint public service of Pampers and the Mother and Child Nurses Association of the Philippines (MCNAP), was developed in recognition of the growing importance nannies play in ensuring the proper growth and development of Filipino children. The workshop also covered topics such as the stages of baby development, the importance of sleep, tips for common childhood illnesses and qualities of a good yaya.

AWARD-WINNING FLOAT IN PANAGBENGA 2001

"Express Telecom—your link to modern communication." This was the theme behind the remarkable float of Express Telecom, which won an honorable mention award in the recent Baguio Panagbenga Flower Festival. The float, replete with only the freshest blooms, featured a miniature village setting. Express Telecom was one of 34 participants in the colorful parade of flowers. Sonny Divina, Express Telecom VP for marketing, said Extelcom "worked really hard this year to make our float stand out, and winning an award is a considerable achievement for all of us." This is the second year Express Telecom joined the celebration at the summer capital of the Philippines.

MOA SIGNING

Rhine Plans Corporation and Prudential Guarantee and Assurance Inc. recently signed a memorandum of agreement. Prudential Guarantee will provide plan holders and sales associates of Rhine Plans a 24-hour group insurance coverage. Photo shows, from left, Rhine Plans vice president for marketing operations Joseph Hammond Jr., Prudential Guarantee president Philip K. Rico, Rhine Plans executive vice president and chief operating officer Roberto O. Fruto, and Prudential Guarantee vice president for accident and health Johnny I. Hernandez.

Delta Faucet Synergy makes waves worldwide

Delta Faucet Company founder, Alex Manoogian, left a legacy to his successors – to strive for world-class performance in every stage of work leading to total customer satisfaction. In the pursuit of such aspirations, Delta Faucet has once again made a resounding point by developing another top-of-the-line faucets worthy of being called world-class – the Delta Synergy line.

The creation of the Delta Synergy line was a challenge for Delta Faucet to prove its prowess in the international market. To achieve their goal of a faucet design that embodies the tenets of fashion and functionality, it teamed up with renowned faucet designer Tony Spangler to design the Delta Synergy line. Spangler has been in the business for more than two decades and has over 30 design patents credited to his name.

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SEAFOOD MARKET REOPENS

Department of Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon (center) cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the reopening and celebration of the 15th anniversary of Seafood Market and Restaurant in Jorge Bocobo Street, Ermita, Manila. With Gordon are Rep. Heherson Alvarez, Lovely Romulo (wife of finance Secretary Bert Romulo), and Ruthie Guingona (wife of Vice President Teofisto Guingona) Looking on are Garick Go, SFMR director, Ramon Guevarra, and Joe Guevara. SFMR is the pioneer in the concept of combining the wet market and fine dining under one roof. SFMR is the favorite place of celebrities such as international balladeer Julio Iglesias, action star Chuck Norris, King of Spain Juan de Bourbon, singer Pilita Corrales, and top comedians Vic Sotto and Joey de Leon.

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Globalbank promotes Yu

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GLOBALBANK, the largest regular commercial bank in the country, recently announced the promotion of Victoria L. Yu as senior vice president. Yu is currently the head of branch banking group and oversees Globalbank's network of 143 branches strategically located all over the Philippines. Yu joined Globalbank in 1998 as first vice president and was tasked to head the private banking division of Globalbank. Prior to joining Globalbank, Yu was vice president of Citibank's consumer banking division. Yu graduated from St. Scholastica's College with a degree in commerce major in accounting.

Integrating image and personality

The CalCarrie's Personality and Image Development Center, a division of the CalCarrie's network, aims to train models and talents not only in their craft, but also to attain a well-rounded personality. Lectures will be integrated with practical applications and hands-on exercises for most of the courses. Programs offered are personality enhancement, basic and professional modeling, corporate imaging, corporate image seminars, and public speaking/broadcasting. Classes commence March 26. Call 844-0350.

Endocrine society's annual confab

The Philippine Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Inc. (PSEM) will hold its annual convention on March 26 and 27 at the Edsa Shangri-la Hotel in Mandaluyong City. Endocrine experts from Europe, the United States will give updates on diabetes, thyroid disorders, osteoporosis, nutrition, obesity, lipid problems, pituitary, adrenals and reproductive endocrinology. Two financial grants of P100,000 will also be awarded through the PSEM.

Free health service for women, families

Unilever Philippines and the Department of Health are staging "Health Promotion Day for Women'' today—the biggest gathering of women and their families who will avail of free medical services, health information and entertainment in Manila, Cebu and Davao. Over 60,000 participants are expected to attend. The booths for free health information services and medical consultations can be found at the following venues: Mega Trade Center Hall 2, SM Megamall starting at 10:30 a.m.; University of Visayas, Cebu City at 9 a.m.; and at Victoria Plaza Mall, Davao City at 9 a.m.

Summer storytelling workshop

FUN and excitement await kids this summer as Adarna House, the country's first children's book publisher, stages Kwentong Adarna: Summer Storytelling and Workshop for Kids from April 18 to May 18, 2001. Kwentong Adarna offers storytelling sessions, workshops and activities that encourage appreciation of Philippine art, culture and history. For inquiries and pre-registration, call Odette or Ghie at 410-5200 or email marketing@adarna.com.ph.

CELEBRITY E-CHAT

Actor Jericho Rosales (left) awards the winner of the "Celebrity eChat," one of the online games developed for the Cisco Systems' eCommerce World Expo at the Megamall. eChat participants were asked to guess a mystery phrase given by Jericho. Joining him in the awarding ceremony is Maria Escanilla (center), special events coordinator. Cisco Systems is the worldwide networking leader for the Internet.

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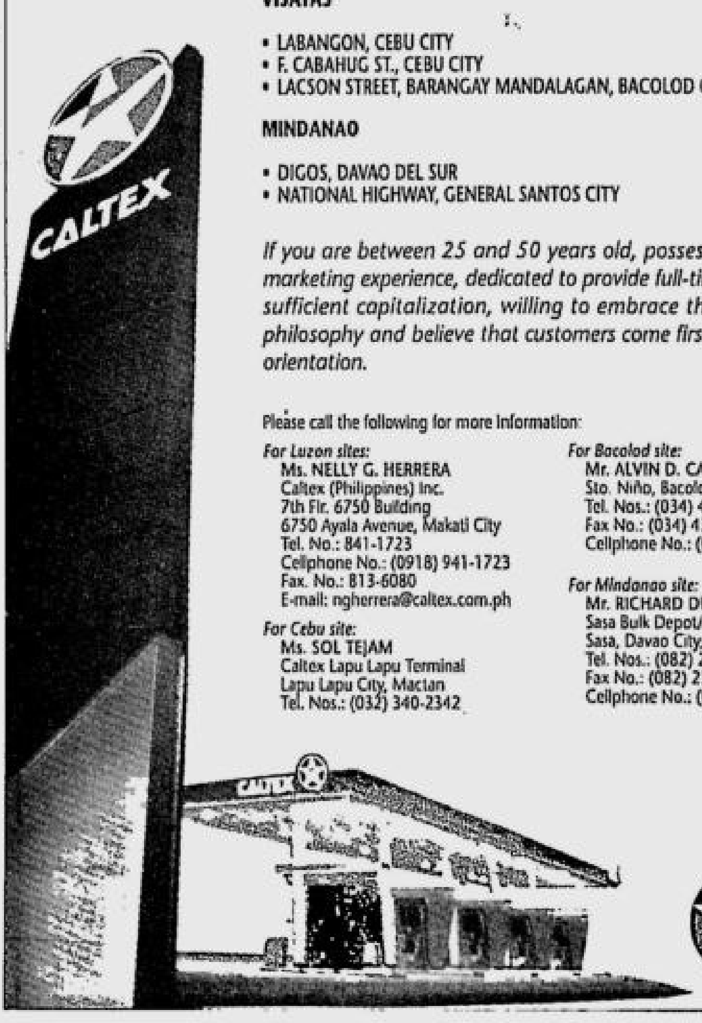

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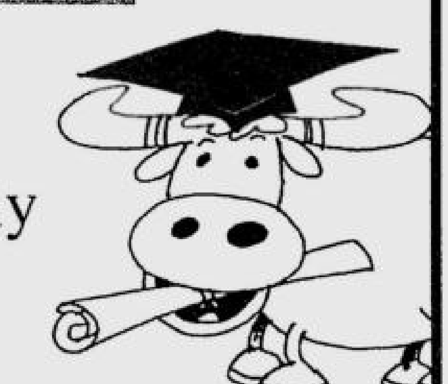

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Limelight

Q. Why is a prominent person or someone under scrutiny said to be 'in the limelight'?

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Early Childhood Development Project
Loan No. 4301-PH

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(PDI – March 17, 18 & 25, 2001)

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	b. Evaluation of displays versus Brochures	May 02 2001				
	c. Selection of top choices for the displays of Sub-Committee and Special Committee	May 11 2001				

All Interested Suppliers may obtain the Pre-qualification forms from the LBP Ad Hoc Group Office, c/o Project Management and Engineering Department (PMED), 2F LDP Bldg. 111, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, upon payment of a non-refundable processing fee of P1,400.00 for the new suppliers (those who did not secure the pre-qualification documents during the first and second invitation), and P700.00 for those who have secured/submitted pre-qualification documents during the first and second invitation. Only those supplier who secured the pre-qualification documents shall be eligible to participate in the pre-qualification process.

The suppliers shall signify in writing their interest to join the pre-qualification process by accomplishing the proforma Letter of Intent (LOI) included in the pre-qualification forms issued earlier. Attendance to the pre-qualification conference is among the requirements for pre-qualification.

Duly accomplished Pre-qualifications forms shall be submitted to and received at the above-stated office not later than April 10, 2001, 3:00 PM after which no documents will be accepted. All participating suppliers shall be notified in writing of the results of the pre-qualification.

Only pre-qualified suppliers may secure Bid Documents at the above-stated office/date upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P5,000.00.

Pre-Bid conference will be held on the above-stated date and time at the FMGSG Conference Room, 2F, LBP Bldg. III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

Bidding shall be conducted using the two (2) envelope system (envelopes "A" & "B") to be submitted to and received not later than 10.00 AM on May 22, 2001 (the Bidding Date) Bidding shall be held at the FMGSG Conference Room, 2F, LBP Bldg. III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

LBP reserves the right to change the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference and bidding date. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBP to pre-qualified bidders.

LBP likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense/loss that they may incur during the preparation of their bids, and to accept the bid that is most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) GILDA E. PICO
Chairman
Sub-Committee for LBP HQ Bldg. Project

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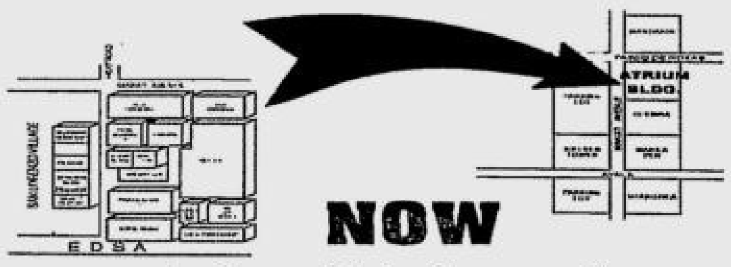

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID PRINTING OF PEA ANNUAL REPORT

PEA is inviting printing firms to submit pre-qualification documents for the bidding of 2000 PEA Annual Report, which shall highlight PEA's accomplishments for the year.

Interested parties may acquire pre-qualification forms from the Office of the Chairman of the PBAC, 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City starting **20 March 2001** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00.

The duly accomplished pre-qualification documents must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. **29 March 2001** at the Office of the Chairman of the PBAC, 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

The PEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any formality or technicality and to award to the bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **ARMINDA A. ALARAS**
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI—March 20, 25 & 28, 2001)

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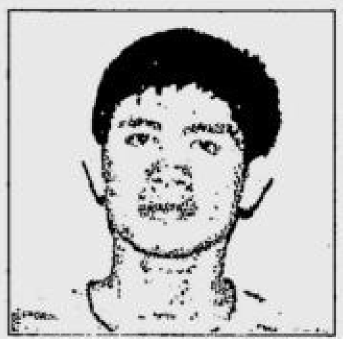

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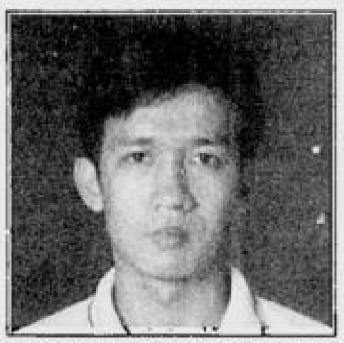

MARKHIM JOHN C. CARABIO

This is to inform the public that **MR. GENARO V. SILVERIO** and **MR. MARKHIM JOHN C. CARABIO**, whose photographs appear above, are no longer connected with ***COMGLASCO CORPORATION*** effective **February 15, 2001**.

Any transaction or representation entered into by these persons for and on behalf of the Company on or after this date will no longer be honored.

(PDI – March 25, 2001)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission-Project Management Office (PRRC-PMO) is inviting all CONTRACTORS classified by and registered with, the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) as Medium B, to apply for eligibility and if, subsequently found eligible, to bid for the following project;

Name of Project : Mandaluyong Linear Park
Project Location : Makati-Mandaluyong Bridge to Guadalupe Bridge
Project Description : Promenade
Targeted Area : 10,223 sq.m.
Estimated Cost : P17.8M
Funding Institution : ADB Loan No. 1745/1746 PHI/GOP

Interested contractors shall submit their duly accomplished Letter of Intent, Authority to Bid and Eligibility Statements in the prescribed forms to the Chairman, Bidding and Awards Committee (BAC), PRRC-PMO, 4th Floor, PMS Bldg., Arlegui Street, Malacañang, San Miguel, Manila, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 PM of March 26-April 9, 2001. Eligibility Statement Forms may be obtained from PRRC-BAC Office.

Eligible and ineligible contractors shall be notified by PRRC-BAC through telephone or fax on April 10-17, 2001. Thereafter, they must get their Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable payment of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) each from PRRC-BAC from April 18-25, 2001. Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on May 2, 2001 at the PRRC-BAC Office.

The deadline for submission of Bid Documents and Price Proposals, and the Opening of Bids is on May 24, 2001 at 2:00 PM (Noontime) at the PRRC-BAC Office.

All particulars relative to Pre-qualification/Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provision of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended 12 August 2000 and other applicable rules and regulations.

The PRRC-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive minor informalities or accept such bids which will be the most advantageous to the government. The decision of PRRC-BAC is final and binding.

(Sgd.) **BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ**
Executive Director

(PDI – March 25, 31 & April 1, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Sogod, Southern Leyte

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND BIDS FOR THE PROPOSED HIRING OF SECURITY GUARDS OF SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Southern Leyte State College of Science and Technology, Sogod, Southern Leyte is in need of eight (8) Security Guards to be assigned in the College Campus.

Interested bidders are requested to submit sealed bids at the SLSCST's Administration Office together with unexpired license as Security Agency.

Deadline for Submission of requirement and bid proposals will be on **May 3, 2001** at 4:00 PM at the Administration Office or at the Office of the College President. Pre-bidding conference and opening of the bids will be on **May 10, 2001** at 10:00 AM at the SLSCST Conference Hall.

SLSCST reserves the right to waive any formality or to reject or all bids received without any reason.

Address all communications to:

Mr. Valerio B. Cabalo, Chairman, Committee on Pre-Bids and Awards, Southern Leyte State College of Science and Technology, Sogod, Southern Leyte.

(Sgd.) **LEONARDO L. MANALO**
President

(PDI – March 26, 27 & 30, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City 1100, Philippines * Telephone 925-24-01

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) invites sealed written bids for one (1) unit:

a.) Cardiovascular X-ray System b.) Mobile C-arm X-ray w/ digital imaging, vascular package & accessories. c.) Combined Cardiac & Peripheral CV X-ray System

Only duly accredited bidders/suppliers will be allowed to participate in the bidding.

List of requirements to be submitted:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Article of Incorporation & by-laws
3. Bus. License
4. Financial Statement (last 2 yrs.)
5. ITR for the last 2 years
6. List of clients & contact person
7. Location Map of Office
8. DOH Accreditation
9. Certificate of Training/s for Service Engineers
10. Product list w/ Cert. of Exclusive Distributorship & brochure
11. Notarized Cert. of Authority to sign & represent the company
12. Certificate of major parts availability

All interested bidders/suppliers must submit their accreditation documents on or before **April 20, 2001** at Purchasing Division.

The PHC reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information and the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder/s.

(Sgd.) **ROMEO J. SANTOS, M.D.**
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI – March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 & April 1, 2001)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
MAYNILA, PILIPINAS

DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas will sell the following MOTOR VEHICLES:

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1 unit	1999 FORD EXPEDITION XLT

located at the BSP Motorpool and Sports Complex, P. Casal Street, Quiapo, Manila thru sealed bids to be received by the Committee not later than 10:00 AM on April 4, 2001 at Room MR-2A, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila.

Interested parties may inspect the aforesaid items at the BSP Motorpool and Sports Complex, P. Casal Street, Quiapo, Manila starting Tuesday, March 27, 2001 until April 3, 2001.

Forms and further information may be obtained from the Committee's Executive Officer, Ms. Aurora S. Pascual, Administrative Services Department, Room 111, Ground FLoor, 5-Storey Building, BSP, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila, Telephone No. 524-98-98.

March 22, 2001

(Sgd.) MELPIN A. GONZAGA
Chairman

(PDI – March 25, 2001)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO AUCTION

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it shall be conducting a sealed auction on **29 March 2001** at 2:00 PM at the NFA Penthouse Canteen, 11th Floor, 101 Matimyas Building, E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City for the allocation of quotas to NFA licensed grains importers and wholesalers/retailers covering the importation of 7,500 MT maximum of Premium, Fancy and Glutinous rice.

Interested auctioner/s should be able to comply with the following which shall be submitted to DMO-FOD, 5th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City not later than **26 March 2001**:

a. A duly notarized authorization from the owner, chairman, partner or president of the sole proprietorship, partnership, company, corporation or cooperative certifying that:
   a.1 He/She is presently connected with the foregoing entity either as owner, official, employee or present stockholder/shareholder;
   a.2 He/She is authorized to represent the entity to the pre-auction, auction proper and all activities pertinent therein.
b. Updated/valid NFA license as importer and wholesaler/retailer. It is understood that the winning auctioner/s shall comply with other NFA rules and regulations on NFA licensing as deemed appropriate.

The 7,500 MT maximum shall be auctioned at a indicative equalization fee bid of PHP 3,240.00 per MT. Maximum quantity to be offered per importer is 1,000 MT.

Cargo discharge shall be limited to any of the following ports only:

Manila
Poro Point/La Union
Batangas
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Davao
Cagayan de Oro

Awarded auctioners during the first tranch of auction conducted by the NFA last **March 02, 2001** shall not anymore be allowed to participate in this second tranch of auction.

All interested auctioners shall be subjected to payment/posting of bid bond equivalent to 10% of total bid price in the form of cashier's check or Manager's check.

The pre-auction conference will be held on **27 March 2001** at 2:00 p.m. at the NFA Penthouse Canteen.

Interested auctioners may secure the Guidelines in the Importation of Premium, Fancy and Glutinous Rice by the Private Sector from DMO-FOD, 5th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City.

Winning auctioners shall be issued a Permit to import Rice after payment of the required Equalization Fee. It is understood that the tariff/duty of 50% shall be paid by the importer.

Auction documents will be available on **27 March 2001** after the pre-auction conference upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP 2,000.00.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all, to waive any informality thereof and to accept only such bid/s as are advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) **ANTHONY R.A. ABAD**
Administrator

(PDI – March 23, 24 & 25, 2001)

NOTICE OF LOSS

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Her loving children **Marie,** and husband **Pedring, Flore** (widow), **Ellie** and husband **Bellie, Leopoldo Huerto** (Ret. Customs Officer) and wife **Rose,** grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Rizal Funeral Homes at Cementina Street (near Pasay Road), Pasay City.

Interment will be on March 28, 2001 at the Manila South Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

"Maraming Salamat Po"

We, the family of the late

ZENAIDA PILAR A. SAGMIT

of Tondo, Manila

who peacefully returned to our Lord
on March 16, 2001 at the age of 66

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude to all our relatives, friends and pious readers who offered Masses and prayers, donations, cards and flowers, and who, in so many ways touched our hearts with their expressions of sympathy and gestures of support in the midst of our bereavement.

In sharing our grief, you have given us strength!

God Bless You All!

From Father — Demetrio (†); Mother — Adelina (†); brothers Orlando (†), Manolito and Emmanuel.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

AURORA CARDIÑO DE CASTRO

Her loving husband **Ireneo**; stepsons and stepdaughters, brothers and sisters **Gloria, Leonie, Jimmy** and **Monina, Erning** and **Loly, Norma** and **Rudy, Mike** and **Lilia, Nonong** and **Lita, Edith** and **Oscar**; nephews, nieces and grandchildren express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who in countless ways helped, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, kept vigil and attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation"
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has peacefully joined the warm embrace of our Lord
on March 22, 2001 at the age of 67.

Her husband **Val**; children **Gil** and **Arleen, Noel** and **Linda, Liza** and **Bien, Pierre,** and **Glenn** and **Malou**; and her grandchildren and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Sacred Heart Parish (Ndurata Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue, Caloocan City).

Interment will be on March 27, 2001 (Tuesday) at 3:00 PM at the Eternal Gardens (near the North Expressway Toll Gate).

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on March 20, 2001

her loving husband **Commissioner Zosimo S. Balagtas**; children and spouses **Jobal** and Tong, **Boyet** and Blessie, **Bebs, Nonong** and Marie, **Malou** and Gary, **Joseph** and Cheryl, **Dennis** and Rhea, and **Niño**; her grandchildren; her brother Col. Edgar Elona; sisters Estrella Mendoza and Elizabeth Laus; and her loving mother Mama Teng wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our relatives, friends and all those who sent flowers, donations, offered Masses and prayers, called from abroad, attended the funeral rites, helped and comforted us in so many ways during our time of bereavement.

Thank you very much.

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so sadly missed"

In Loving Memory

on the 4th Death Anniversary of

CLEOTILDE "ODY" SALAZAR MAGPAYO

who passed away on March 26, 1997

Holy Masses will be offered at the following churches tomorrow, March 26, 2001.

San Isidro Labrador Church *Bambang, Bulacan, Bulacan*	6:30 AM
Our Lady of Grace Parish *11th Avenue, Grace Park, Caloocan City*	6:45 AM
San Roque Parish *A. Mabini St., Caloocan City*	6:00 PM

The family requests friends, relatives and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

In Memoriam

Rev. Fr. JAMES P. MORAN, SJ

March 24, 1898 - Mar. 25, 1974

Masses will be offered on March 25, for the eternal repose of his soul and in gratitude from his spiritual children

Carmel, Gilmore, Quezon City	6:30 AM
Capitol Medical Center Chapel	8:00 AM
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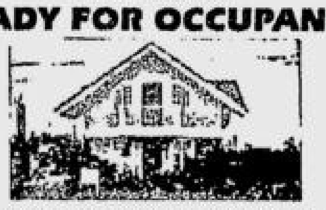

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From Management
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(PDI--March 25, 2001)

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Lot 4467-B-2-A No. 1123 Edsa Balintawak	1000	office and residential building	1121	40M
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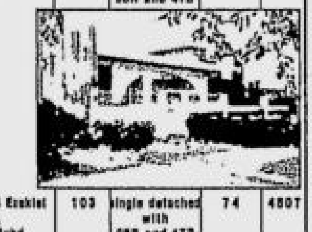

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Ignore the new business media at your own risk

"Total Exposure"
by Gustav Larson
Amacon, 2000

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

AT FIRST glance, the book seems like an incisive account about the new business media environment with all its power, possibilities and potential for good—and even harm.

"Business news," says author Gustav Larson, "isn't the sleepy, stodgy world of newspaper stock tables it was 10 years ago."

"Ten years ago," he adds, "business news was nowhere. Now, it's everywhere. Average Americans are thinking about business, talking about business. And the news media are delivering more information about business to feed this growing demand. Whether you like it or not, you are part of this phenomenon."

Larson's setting is the Western hemisphere, and you would probably say, this does not apply to us in the Philippines.

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Think again. The space where Executive Read appears delivers business stories in a lively, dynamic style. Mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcies and hostile takeovers, are eye-catching news headlines. They are the stuff that brews a storm of talks in coffee shops and that feeds the rumor mill. Bank runs compete successfully with bank heists; and corporate collapse matches the breakdown of talks with communist rebels.

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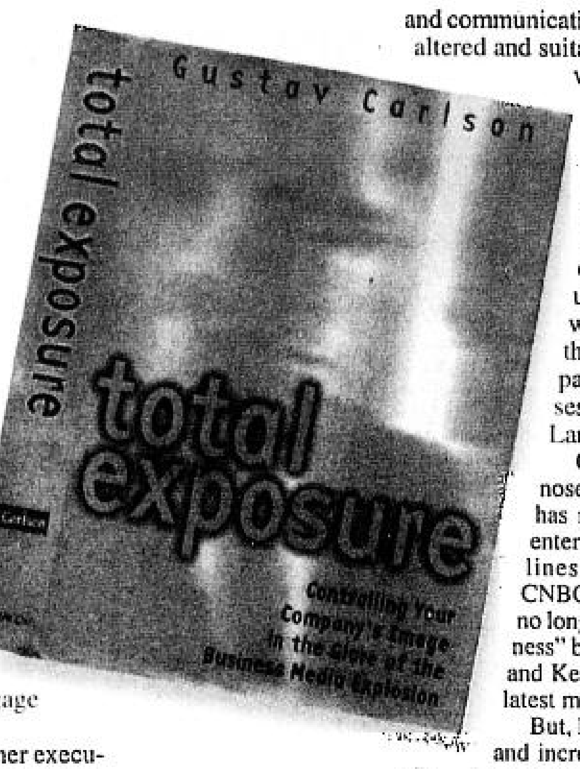
What does this mean, then? The book says "engaging the new media environment" presents tremendous opportunities for companies to gain positive exposure, but is also full of pitfalls that can derail the best laid out plans."

And here's the author's inescapable point: Companies no longer have a choice of whether to engage the media or not.

In "Total Exposure," Larson, a former executive of global PR firm Hill & Knowlton, has actually given a valuable briefing to CEOs, COOs and communications practitioners about a deeply altered and suitably alerted business media environment in both print and broadcast.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Controlling Your Company's Image in the Glare of the Business Media Explosion

First of all, he says, the rise of the value of the business story is brought about by the emergence of "consumer-investors"—they who are interested, not only in firms' products, but in their performance as well. Why? Because, they are thinking of investing in such companies. They want details, analyses and insights 24 hours a day, Larson points out.

Once the pre-occupation of hard-nosed businessmen, business media has morphed into "business news as entertainment." Watch business headlines on CNN/fn, Bloomberg and CNBC and you agree with Larson: "It's no longer business news; it's show business" brought to you by real-life Barbies and Kens with breathless reports on the latest merger rumor, etc.

But, he warns that the rapid expansion and increasing influence of business media have its downside. The present crop of business reporters, with scant business knowledge, no longer have the professional journalistic will to verify their facts—and so use print space or airtime to purvey baseless reports.

Some also have the "pack mentality," according to Larson, where reporters see safety in numbers. "If everybody else is writing it or saying it, it's OK for them to write it or say it."

Is the author criticizing or giving business media ringing rebuke? No, he wants readers to have "media savvy" by understanding this new phenomenon.

So much like Sun Tzu (of the "Art of War" fame) telling us to master the terrain, the author is advising companies to deal with these new realities. For example, with the drive of reporters to get news in the raw, he counsels: Be ready for transferring media relations work from PR folks to senior executives through media training.

To deal with the easy access of non-journalists to the Internet and websites—Larson calls them "scam artists," purveying rumors to scare away customers of a competitor—he advises: "Develop a quick-response plan for online crises."

At the end of every chapter, the author has made it easy for readers to note the "summary of trends," on one hand, "lessons for companies," on the other. If you need one good media counselor, Larson is your guy.

This book of 225 pages is a must read for CEOs whose responsibility is to keep their companies viable and growing, and for communications professionals who must come to terms with the magnified power of the business media.

With such might, any enterprise must begin learning how to live in a transparent world. If you cannot hide anything anymore, you must at least master the art and science of telling the truth—well and fast. *(Feedback: dantemv@i-next.net)*

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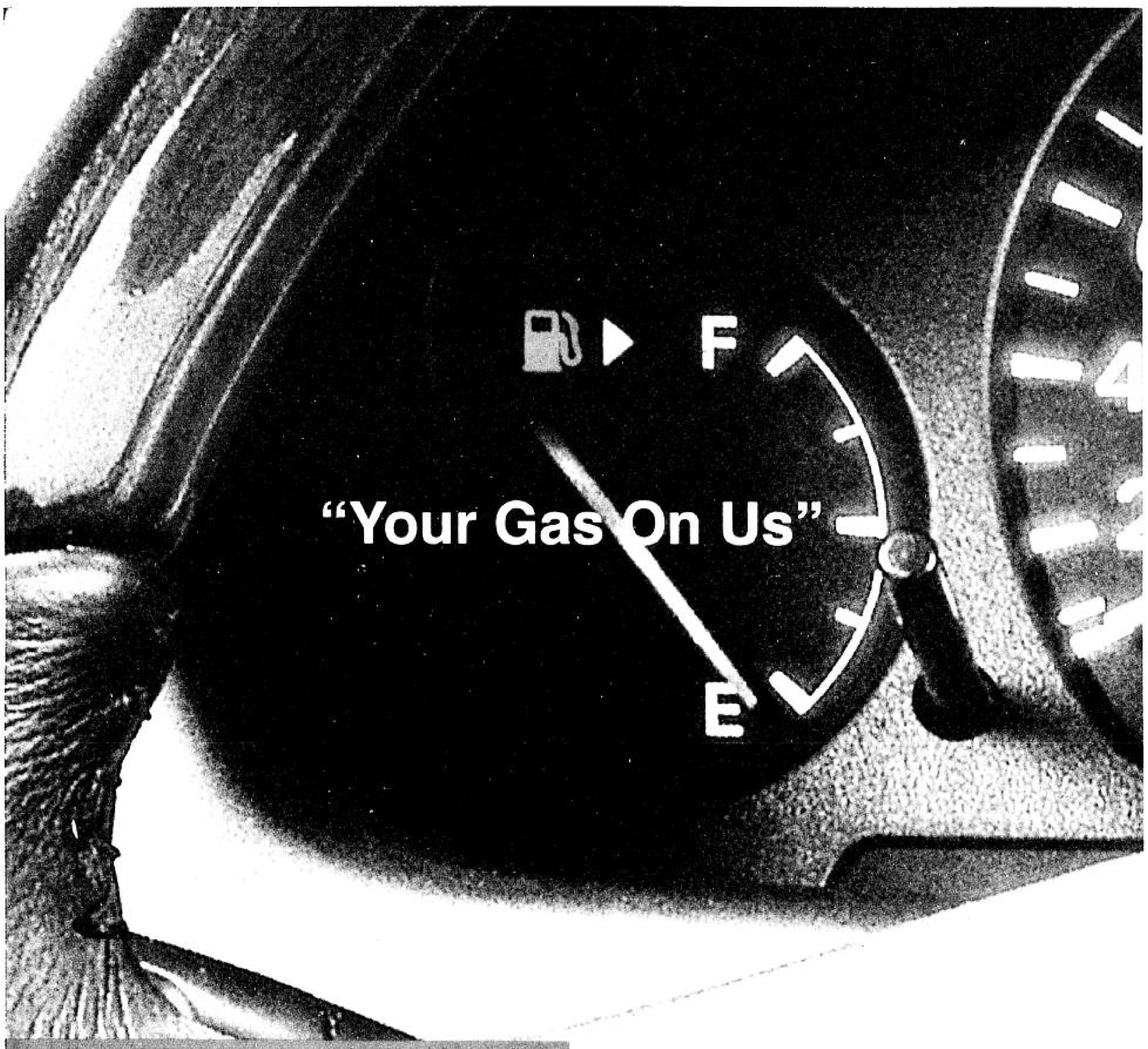
Heller has numerous and diverse business interests. He is the founding editor of Management Today and became editorial director of Haymarket Publishing Group where he supervised the launch of a number of highly successful business magazines. He is also the founder of the Working Words, a consulting firm specializing in business communications and the director of several companies including database supplier, Thing UK and PR company BourneRiver. He speaks frequently to management audiences on many subjects and has worked all over the world with many leading companies.



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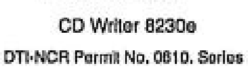

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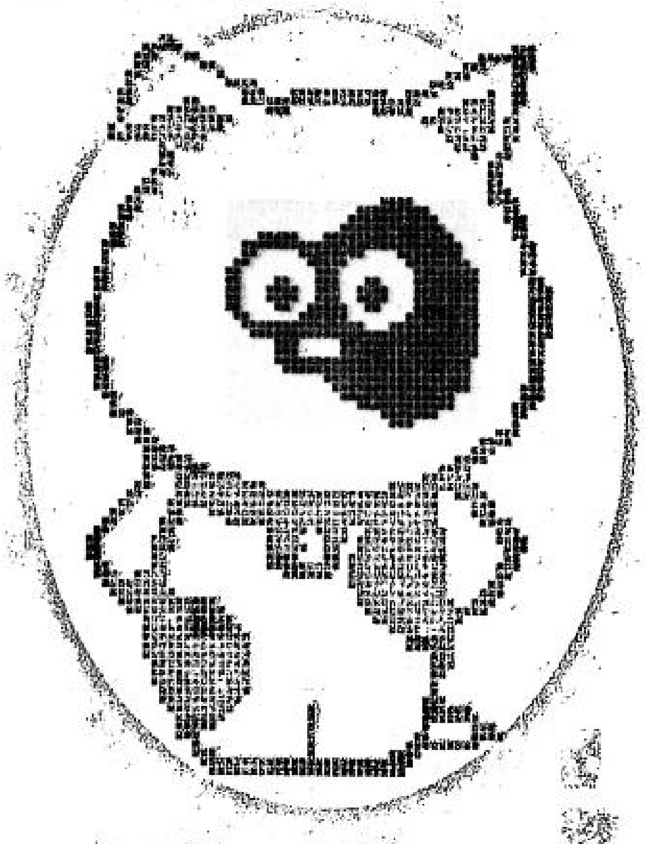

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Species : Dog
Traits : loyal, dependable
Likes : exercise, fetch sticks, roll in the mud

Trained to be a good companion.

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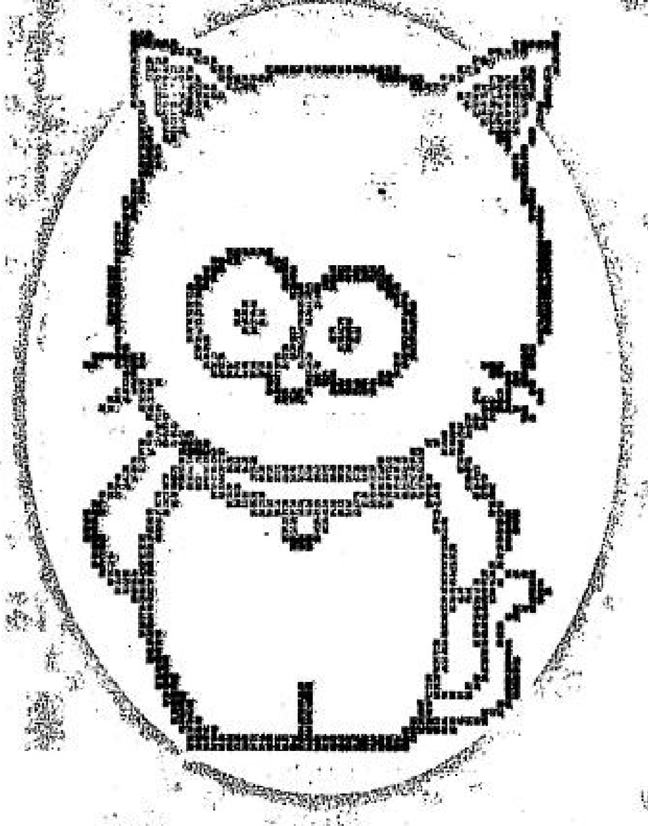

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Species : Cat
Traits : energetic, fun
Likes : playing with yarn, chasing mice

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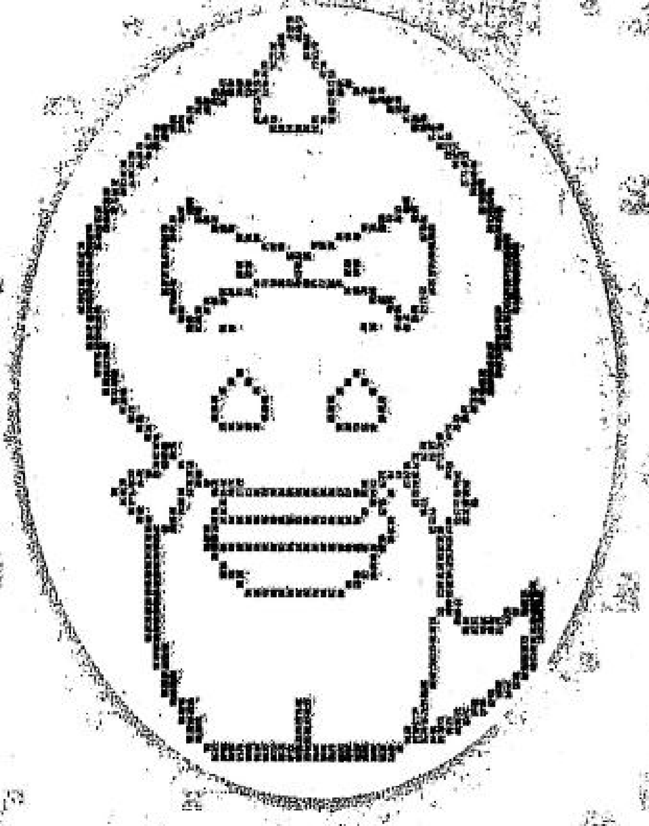

Name : Toothy
Species : T-rex
Traits : strong, rough
Likes : destroying toys

Needs someone to tame it.

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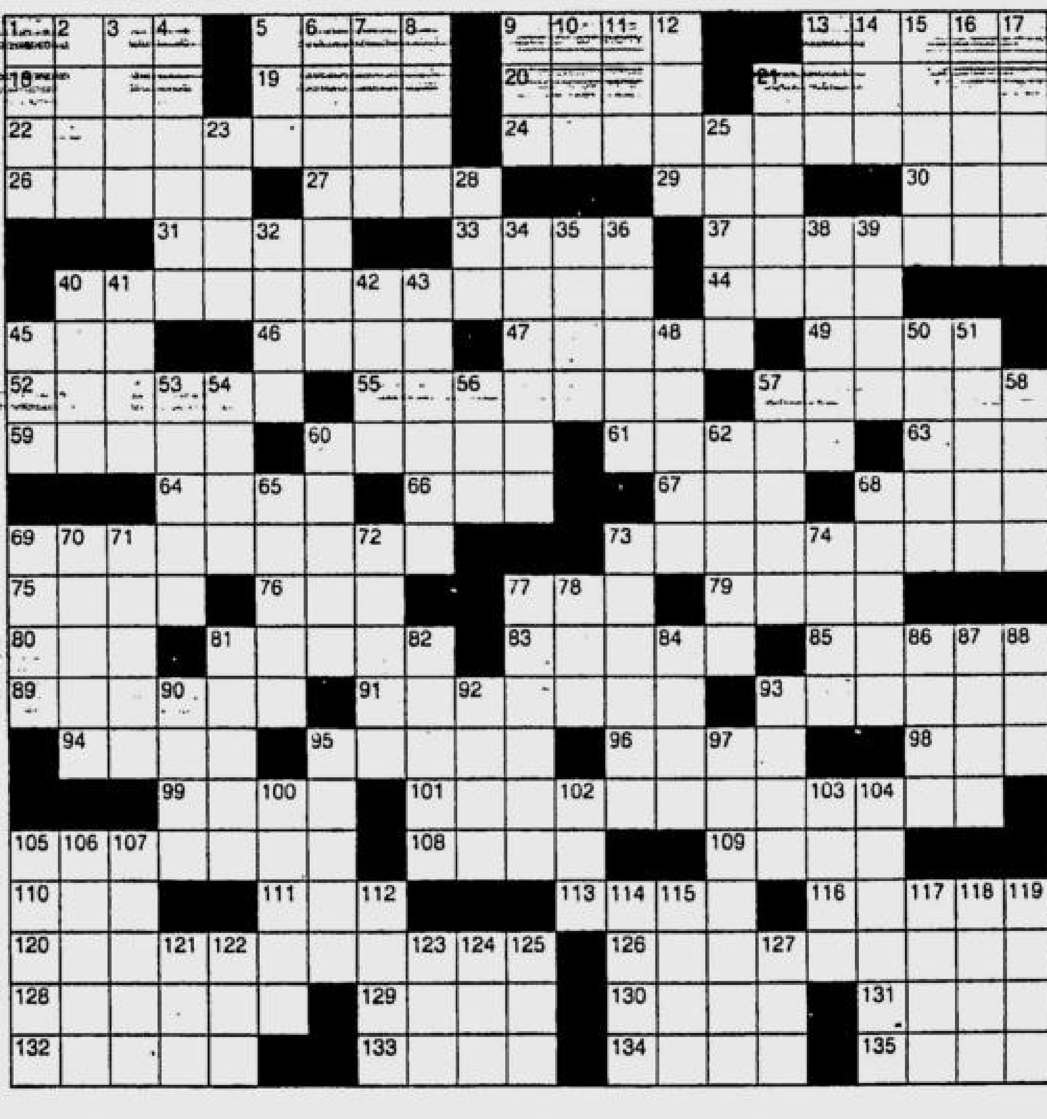

ACROSS
1 Summer stinger
5 Sailor's quaff
9 In the sack
13 Master, in Madras
18 "Dies —"
19 Melodious McEntire
20 — Valley, CA
21 Walked confidently
22 Tenured?
24 Ex-wife, sometimes?
26 Roman official
27 Umps
29 Bus. bigwig
30 Plant part
31 Writer Blyton
33 Tabula —
37 At full tilt
40 Violin bows?
44 Evils
45 Terry-cloth inscription
46 Cookbook author Rombauer
47 Deed
49 Wraps up
52 Incompetent
55 Neighbor of Latvia
57 TV's "The — Game"
59 Melodramatic
60 Progress
61 Chaka Khan's group
63 Pigeon English?
64 To boot
66 Spud bud
67 Bulldog, for one
68 "Blame — Rio" ('84 film)
69 Capone impersonator?
73 Hire a private eye?
75 Landed
76 Palm Sunday animal
77 Humbug lead-in
79 Act like an antelope
80 Oxford figure
81 Vote in
83 "Watership Down" author
85 Defy a dictator
89 Salad veggie
91 Geronimo's birthplace
93 Draw
94 Donated
95 Swedish currency
96 Mardi —
98 It may be white
99 Signor Ferrari
101 Stockbrokers?
105 Petite pet
108 Blood components
109 Kid at court
110 Former govt. agcy.
111 Carpenter —
113 Wine valley
116 Exit
120 FDA-approved snack?
126 "Equus," for instance?
128 Inventor Otis
129 Dingy digs
130 Pat on the buns?
131 Kuwaiti ruler
132 Blackboard
133 Type of chalcedony
134 Holler
135 Odense denizen

DOWN
1 Man's altar ego?
2 Like the Kalahari
3 Agra attire
4 Prepared a pineapple
5 Whippet's warning
6 Keep the shelves stocked
7 Crumhorn cousin
8 Sail support
9 Furniture wood
10 Jacket info
11 Big bird
12 — brakes
13 Canonized Mlle.
14 "— you for real?"
15 Was an optimist
16 Unimprovable
17 Juicy fruit
21 Toast word
23 Await judgment
25 Macabre
28 — Lanka
32 Tennis pro Nastase
34 Moss Hart's autobiography
35 "— Game" ('71 film)
36 Up and about
38 Requests
39 Ain't right?
40 Spanish sherry
41 Author Dinesen
42 "Peter Pan" pirate
43 Tried a mouthful
45 "What?"
48 Crack up
50 Proclamations
51 A nose that shows
53 Coat-of-arms figure
54 Lovett or Waggoner
56 Italian greyhound, e.g.
57 Ignoramus
58 Used up
60 Gaggle gal
62 Wood and gas
65 Sedimentary stuff
68 Force
69 Lose luster
70 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
71 Dano or Darnell
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74 Designer Lagerfeld
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81 Happening
82 Latin class no-nos
84 Scratches the surface
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87 Buffalo waterfront
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92 Memo start
93 On a whale watch, perhaps
95 Asian nation
97 Clothes
100 African equine
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103 Eye appreciatively
104 Acted like a chick
105 Garden supplies
106 In the slightest degree
107 "GoodFellas" group
112 Return address?
114 "Hi, sailor!"
115 Battery part
117 — mater
118 Self-smitten
119 Thornfield governess
121 Cornerstone abbr.
122 "Evita" character
123 "— -Tiki"
124 TV Tarzan
125 King's handle?
127 Costa del —

ANSWER ON PAGE C7

Women we admire

AS a fitting activity for Women's Month, Sunday Lifestyle conducted a survey among the crusty editors of the INQUIRER. The women took to the task readily, while the men grudgingly followed, some complaining that men don't seem to have a month of their own. The results may be hardly revealing ("my mother" landed sixth), but would serve as a barometer on popular perception of women and their contributions to society. Here are the Top 10 Filipino women of today:

1. Corazon Aquino
2. Eugenia Duran-Apostol
3. Sr. Christine Tan
4. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
5. Solita "Winnie" Monsod
6. Clarissa Ocampo, Lea Salonga, Loren Legarda-Leviste, My Mother
7. Haydee Yorac, Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, Rosanna Roces
8. Lucrecia Kasilag
9. Cecilia "Cheche" Lazaro, Dr. Fe del Mundo, Gilda Cordero Fernando, Patricia Licuanan, Sheila Coronel
10. Carolina Malay, Gloria Diaz, Loida Nicolas Lewis, Carmen Deunida, Marilou Diaz-Abaya

AQUINO

CORAZON AQUINO

Even in retirement and out of power, she has continued to serve as a lightning rod for democracy and good government. Would Edsa II have been possible without her?

EUGENIA DURAN-APOSTOL

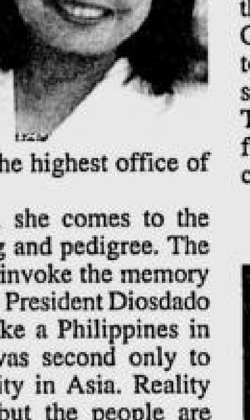
The founding publisher of the PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER has unfailing instincts. When she was alarmed by the Estrada regime's heavy-handed treatment of press dissent in 1999, she formed the political tabloid Pinoy Times to make sure that "we will not elect anymore unqualified actors, philanderers, gamblers and drunkards to the highest office of the land." Less than two years later, last January, the people got the message: they kicked out an actor unqualified for the presidency, who was a philanderer, gambler and drunkard.

When her alma mater, the Faculty of Arts and Letters of the University of Santo Tomas, asked her to deliver the inspirational message during the student recognition rites early this month, she was introduced as "the Katharine Graham of Philippine publishing." But the one doing the introduction checked himself. He said that while the Washington Post publisher presided over the investigative project that exposed Watergate and toppled Richard Nixon, Apostol presided over publications that exposed shenanigans in high office and were instrumental in the ouster of not one, but two presidents. "From here on," the speaker said, "let not Apostol be compared to Graham. Rather, let Graham be compared to Apostol." Amen.

SR. CHRISTINE TAN

This soft-spoken nun was born to wealth and prominence, but instead chose a life of poverty and human rights advocacy. When she was director of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office under the Estrada administration, she criticized the politicking that influenced the release of funds of an institution otherwise built for the alleviation of the plight of the poor. The criticism led to her dismissal. But Sister Christine was unfazed. She would continue her work for the poor.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO



The last six months has been a whirlwind for her. She resigned from the Cabinet of President Joseph Estrada, united the political opposition, and became a key player in the ouster of the country's 13th president. She succeeded the disgraced President Estrada and became only the second woman to hold the highest office of the land.

Diminutive and demure, she comes to the office with the right training and pedigree. The pedigree has enabled her to invoke the memory of her beloved father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, in order to evoke a Philippines in the distant past, when it was second only to Japan in economic prosperity in Asia. Reality may spoil the evocation, but the people are crossing their fingers that she can narrow the gap between memory and reality.

SOLITA 'WINNIE' MONSOD

Cory's economic planning secretary resurfaced in public life when she started hosting the public affairs program "Debate ni Mare at Pare," where she was supposed to referee two opposing views to an issue. But so opinionated was "Mareng Winnie" that she couldn't resist joining the fray, leaving her cohost and former executive secretary Oscar Orbos, bewildered and befuddled. Now, she has plunged into the political arena. Expect Mareng Winnie to outdebate everyone.

CLARISSA OCAMPO

"Kissa" was the woman who delivered the smoking gun to the prosecution during the impeachment trial of Joseph Estrada. Despite the dangers she and her family faced, she calmly answered the questions by prosecutors and delivered the coup de grace to Estrada's tottering regime.

In her testimony, the bank executive said she was only a foot away from Estrada when she saw him sign the name "Jose Velarde" on bank accounts believed to carry his multimillion take from illegal gambling payoffs nationwide.

In telling what really happened with courage and forthrightness, Kissa stood up for the truth. Wouldn't you want her by your side?

LEA SALONGA

She sang "A Whole New World" in the Walt Disney animation "Aladdin," summing up perfectly for Filipino theater artists the wonderful experience of taking their rightful place on the world stage. Of course, she had taken her place years back when she portrayed Kim in the West End and Broadway hit "Miss Saigon" and became the first Filipina to win the Laurence Olivier and Tony awards. Ever pressing on, she will yet reveal to Filipinos new worlds to conquer.

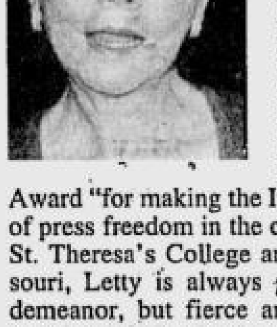
LOREN LEGARDA-LEVISTE

During Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial, she proved that not having a law degree is not an impediment to performing effectively as senator-judge. Her intelligent questions showed she knew what was going on. Every time she asked a witness, vital information was revealed. Indeed, the broadcast journalist turned lawmaker was a revelation.

HAYDEE YORAC

She was a feisty Comelec commissioner during the Aquino era. Hers is a perspicacious mind capable of untangling thorny constitutional issues, especially those that concern freedom of speech, and complex cases in international law. At present, she is the national chair of the Roman Catholic Church's Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting. Her group aims to mobilize half a million volunteers to ensure safe, fair and clean national and local elections. To be sure, the Church does not need an army for that. All it needs is Haydee, and everybody can sleep soundly.

LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC



One of the most respected journalists in the country—and we're saying this not because she's our boss, but because of the recognition she has received for her courageous and visionary work in publishing and editing, like the Marcelo H. Del Pilar Journalism Award "for making the INQUIRER the barometer of press freedom in the country." A product of St. Theresa's College and University of Missouri, Letty is always genteel and gentle in demeanor, but fierce and unrelenting in her conviction. The buck stops in her desk, and she makes the decisions that lesser editors in chief, especially the male kind, would find daunting and unnerving.

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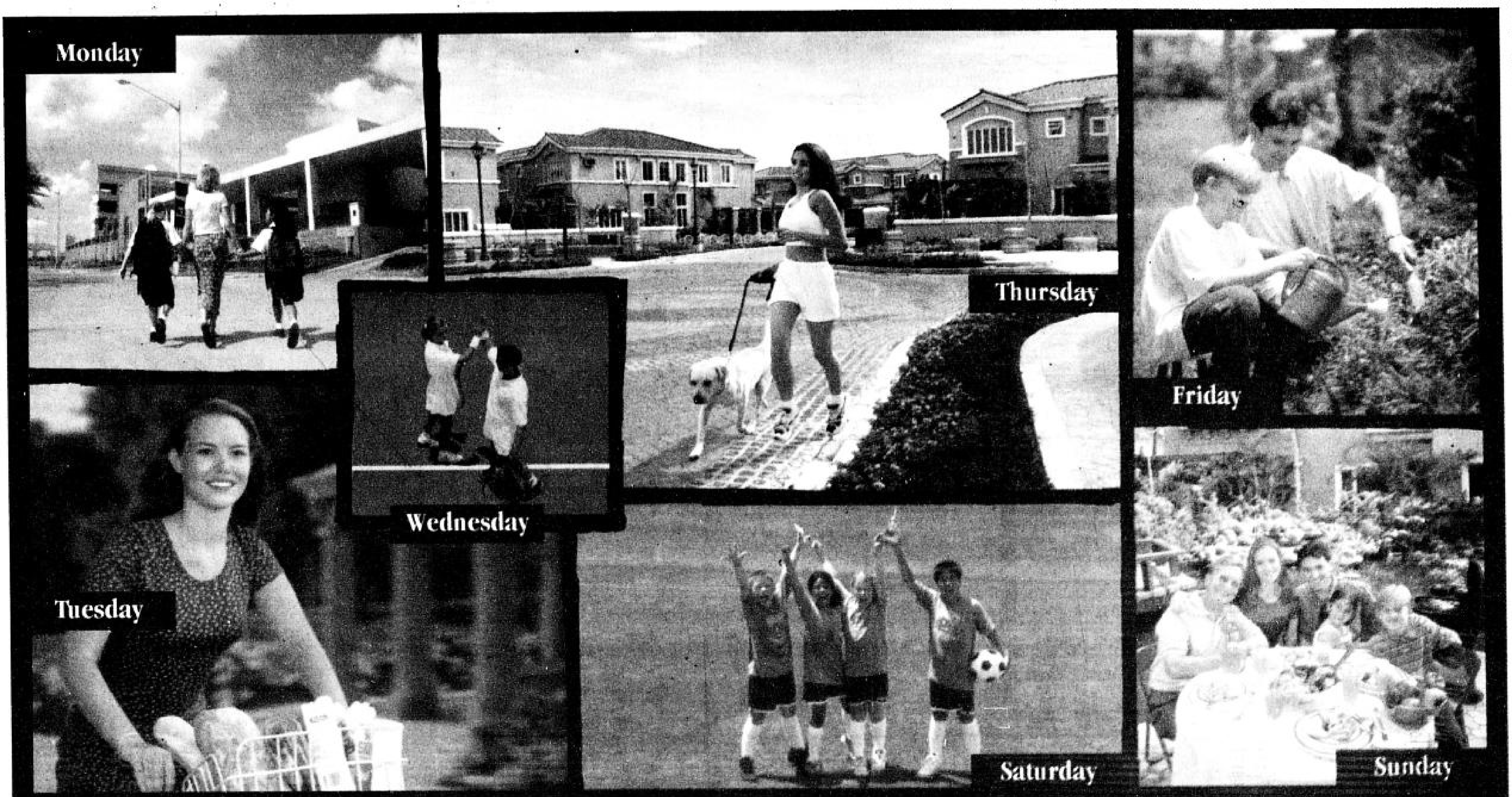

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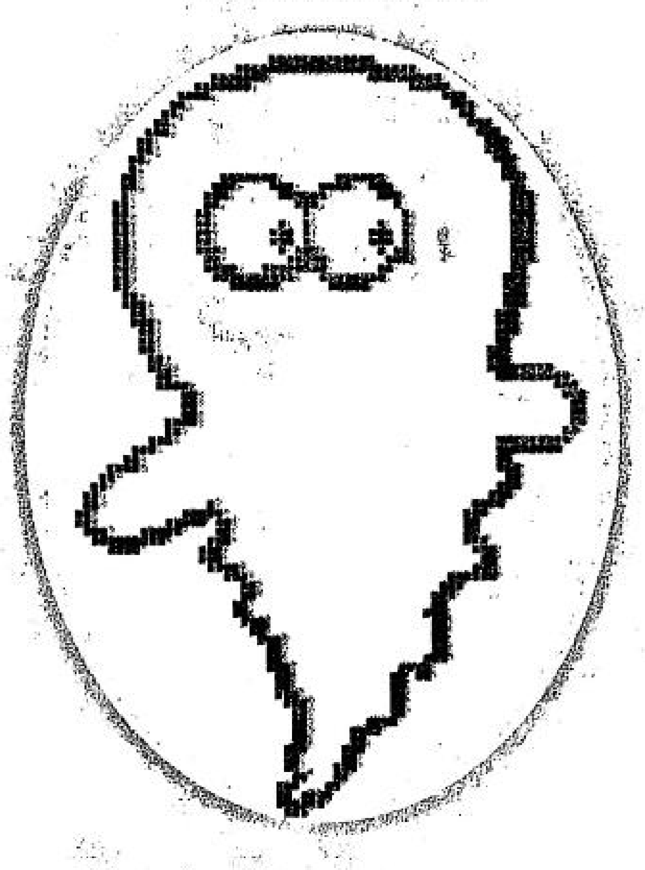

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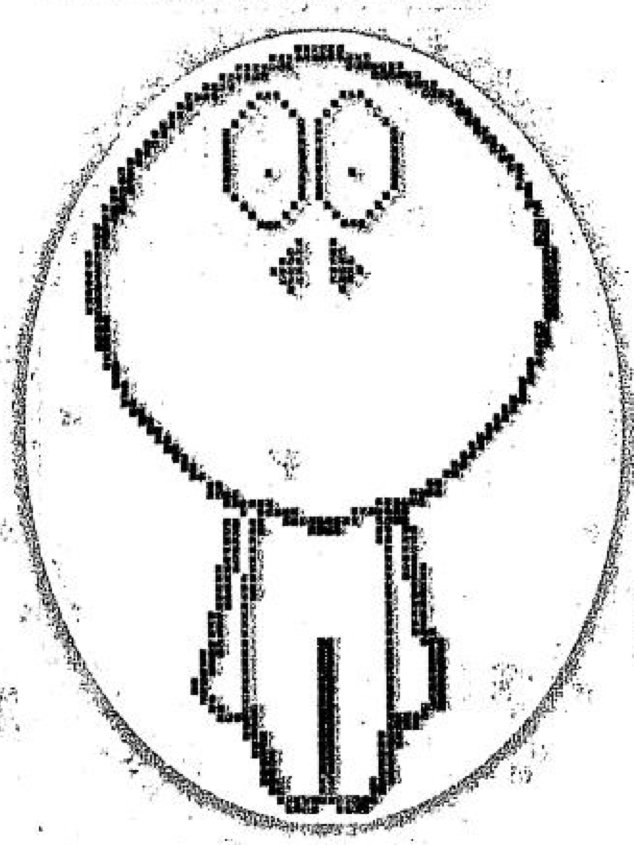
Species : Supernatural
Traits : unknown
Likes : scaring and haunting people and places

Wants to find peace with a pal.

WANTED
EARTHLING



Name : Grey
Species : ???
Traits : unknown
Likes : classified

Needs to befriend an earth life form.

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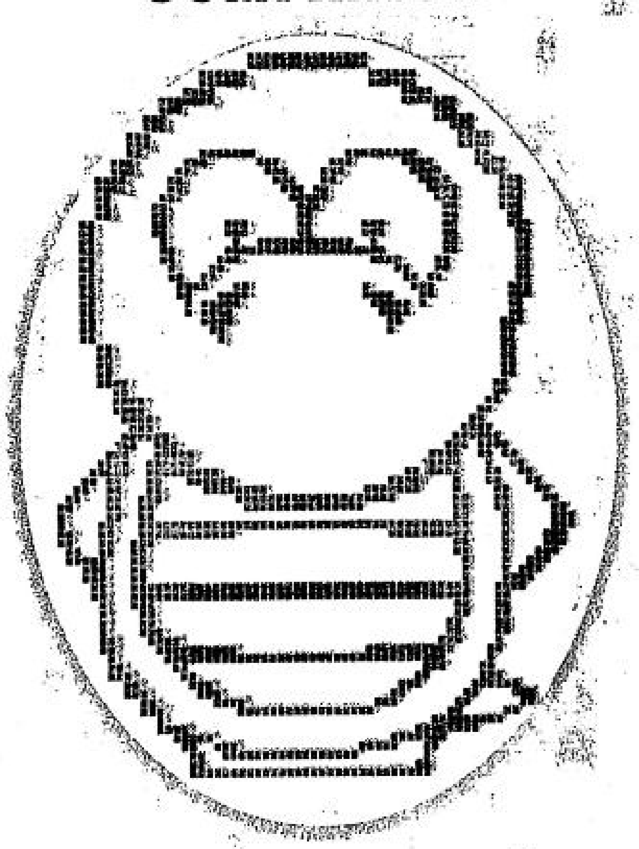

Name : Shelly
Species : Turtle
Traits : shy
Likes : warm pools of water,eating

Looks for someone to help it come out of its shell.

Women we admire

(From page C2)

ROSANNA ROCES

The plump but sexy actress who has starred in some of the most celebrated—and notorious—sexual double-entendré movies in the 1990s is witty, disarming, brazen and quite sincere (she readily admits she had worked the sleazy nightclub row before joining the movies). In her scandalous but saucy wit, she evokes Mae West. When she's good, she's very good; when she's bad, she's even better.

ROCES

LUCRECIA KASILAG

She has over 250 musical compositions that have been performed by orchestras here and abroad, and has done pioneering research into ethnic musical culture. Tireless and always bursting with vitality, she is not known in artistic circles as "King" for nothing.

KASILAG

CECILIA 'CHECHE' LAZARO

The award-winning broadcast journalist is the woman behind Probe Productions Inc., producer of the television programs "The Probe Team," "5 and Up," "Game Plan," which have received accolades internationally. A graduate of the UP College of Mass Communication and University of Michigan, she has made her media work a fitting mouthpiece for her advocacy of women's issues.

FE DEL MUNDO

A medical researcher and writer, Dr. Fe del Mundo has produced numerous articles and treatises on various scientific subjects that have either been published or read before many scientific for a here and abroad. She has dedicated her life to the cause of pediatrics and was the moving spirit behind the establishment of numerous pediatric institutions in the country.

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GILDA CORDERO FERNANDO

The writer and publisher behind some of the cutting-edge publications on Philippine culture and the arts in the last 20 years or so. In her 60s, she established the women's group Women Plus, which aims to help counter the negative attitudes of people getting old.

PATRICIA LICUANAN

The granddaughter of the late Paz Marquez-Benitez is representative of the modern Filipina. As president of Miriam College, she successfully restored the for-girls-only policy of the school. Boys, keep out.

SHEILA CORONEL

She is the executive director of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, the agency behind the exposé of former President Joseph Estrada's magnificent wealth. A graduate of AB Political Science at UP and MS in Political Sociology at London School of Economics and Political Science, she is petite but forceful. Men do not dare cross her path.

CAROLINA MALAY

The Sorbonne-educated writer and activist surprised many when she refused to go back to the communist underground and instead embraced the academic life. "I want to spend more time with my children," she said.

GLORIA DIAZ

Question: "If the man from the moon should come down to earth and visit your hometown, what would you do to entertain him?" Answer: "Why, I guess, I would do for him what I always do. Since he has been away on the moon for so long, he would want a change." With this answer, Gloria Diaz bagged the Miss Universe crown in 1969. To this day, she continues to define for the new century what constitutes feminine pulchritude and charm.

KATRINA LEGARDA

Famous for advocating women's and children's rights, she earned renown when she led the panel of high-profile women lawyers in the successful prosecution of Rep. Romeo Jalosjos in the celebrated child-abuse case.

LOIDA NICOLAS LEWIS

As head the multi-billion-dollar food conglomerate TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc., she is considered one of the most successful Filipinos abroad.

A product of the University of the Philippines' College of Law, she has not forgotten her roots. She built the Lewis College and a small hotel in her hometown in Sorsogon.

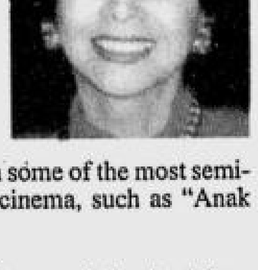
MARILOU DIAZ-ABAYA

The director of "Jose Rizal," "Milagros" and "Muro-Ami" is arguably the most successful woman director in the last five years. Most of her recent movies, however, have none of the searing women's issues that marked her films in the 1980s. Oh well, there's the new century to lengthen and improve her filmography.

CARMEN 'NANAY MAMENG' DEUNIDA

Her frailness and other illnesses have not stopped the chair of the urban poor group Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap in speaking against social injustice. She herself is the living witness to hardship and poverty, having been raised in the slums of Leveriza, Malate.

ROSA ROSAL



She is the human face of the Philippine National Red Cross, for whose blood-donation program she has worked tirelessly and selflessly. Her humanitarian work often obscures the fact that she's an accomplished actress, having starred in some of the most seminal films of Philippine cinema, such as "Anak Dalita" and "Badjao."

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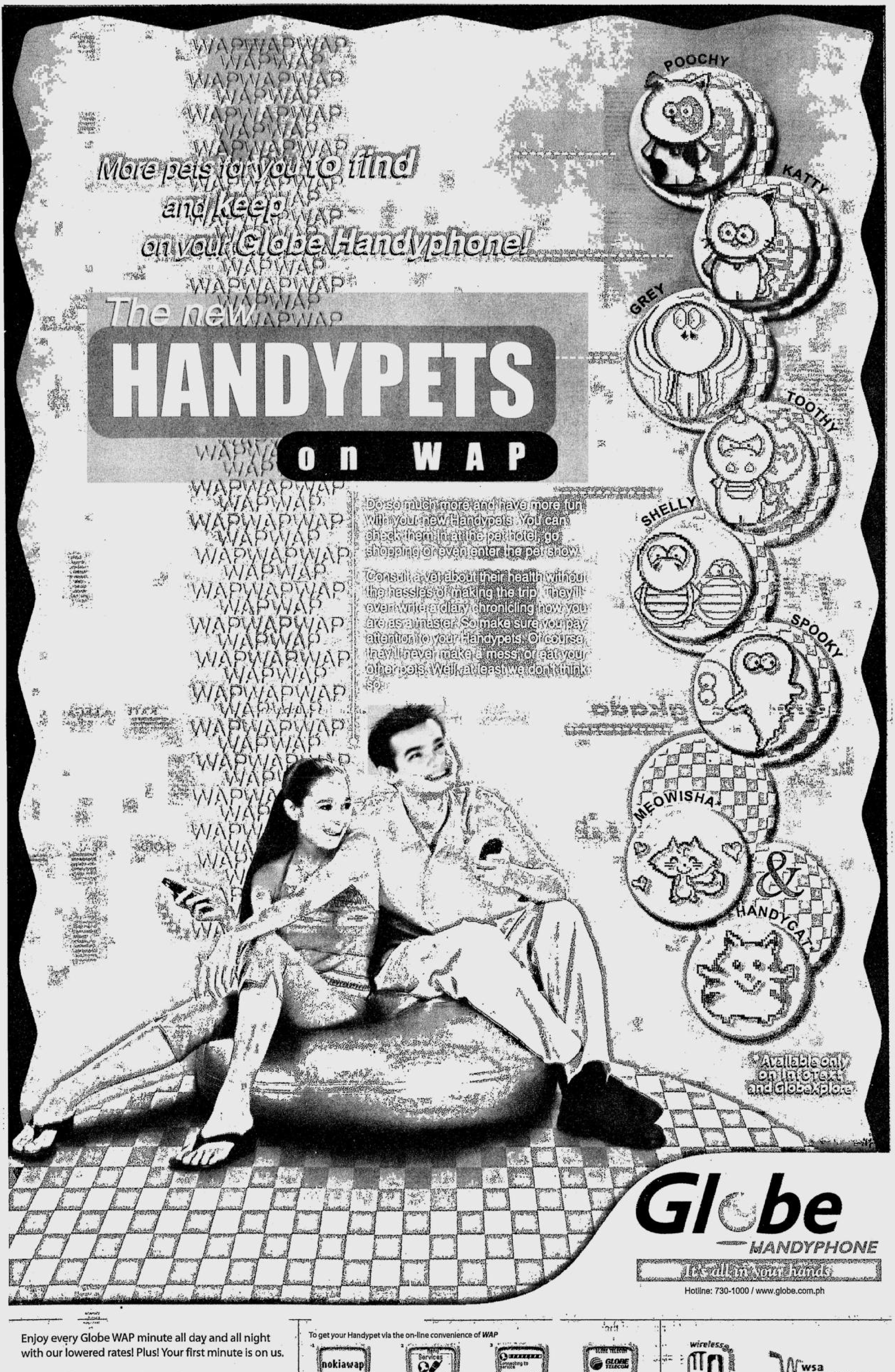

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WOMEN AT WORK

Opportunity, leadership and balance

By Rowena C. Burgos

In various stages of freedom and autonomy, three ladies have found the wherewithal within themselves to act, succeed and transform

FOR MILLENNIA, women have lived in repression and under male domination. But in the 20th century, the right combination of factors was finally present. There may be hard days but there's no going back. The spark of women's power, beauty and creativity, long buried or forgotten, has never been reborn on a mass level.

Stories on how women have been challenging the most sexist institutions from the medical establishment to organized religion and of activists, entrepreneurs, politicians, CEOs and athletes show that the time for women to embrace their power and set their creativity free has at long last arrived.

Three women who have carved their niche in the beauty and cosmetics industry prove that this is the time to go for it, with spirit and inner strength as the source of their power.

Mildreth Kho started as a beauty consultant at Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. in 1999. She was then visiting her relatives in Chicago when her uncle introduced her to Mary Ellen D'Amico, the company's sales director. With hesitance, she attended its launching in the same year at Dusit Hotel Nikko. At that time, she was still connected with a pharmaceutical company for which she had been working for 16 years. "I didn't know what Mary Kay was all about but as I was listening to their program, I immediately liked its vision and values, mission and philosophy. So the following day, I joined the group," says Kho, who is now a senior sales director.

It was in 1964 when Soledad Peña, franchise manager of Avon Taft, found herself in a two-month course offered by Beautifont's (Avon's former name) Personality School. At the end of the course, the company asked the graduates to join Beautifont as product dealers. "And I readily accepted the invitation," Peña says.

Virgie Tecson, on the other hand, worked for a direct-selling company for 17 years before she joined the House of Sara Lee in 1999. "Of all the existing direct-selling companies in Cebu (where she is based), Sara Lee has the most attractive rewards like unlimited income opportunity, personality development, social exposure, travel incentives and career advancement."

SOLEDAD Peña (second from right), franchise manager of Avon Taft, during Avon's recent Franchise Managers' Conference. She is joined by (from left) Malu Dy Buncio, Avon general manager; Tess Tangan, Avon Taft; Jose Mari Franco, Avon area vice president for Southern Asia; and Roy Yu, sales director.

Entrepreneurial leaders

For many women, beauty and fashion are a leisure-time activity. It's a ready muse in their quest for self-expression. It's their wardrobe mistress in the drama of corporate success.

"I find the world of cosmetics alluring and it has given me a lot of wonderful opportunities, especially the chance of meeting different people," Peña says.

Tecson believes that beauty products are important to modern women. "These are the essentials that help a woman build her confidence and self-esteem."

MILDRETH Kho (right) and Mary Ellen D'Amico, executive senior sales director of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Chicago

As these women leaders try to transform people's self-interest into organizational goals, they also encourage participation, share power and information, enhance other people's self-worth and get them excited about their work.

As a senior sales director, Kho conducts classes on selling and recruiting and a weekly product orientation and attends a yearly leadership training seminar. "One has to motivate people and at the same time multiply yourself. Through my job, I'm able to make others feel important and pamper them in a way. Helping them reinvent themselves makes me feel good, too," says Kho who dreams of becoming a national sales director, the highest position at Mary Kay.

As franchise manager, Peña visits service centers and makes sure there are enough stocks available. She handles training sessions and attends meetings of franchise managers, estimating panels and dealers.

"My main concern has always been my job and doing it well. I derive great pleasure in seeing those I've trained and taught become successful in their own business."

As House of Sara Lee's top dealer, Tecson calls for monthly meetings to update her sales team on the latest selling techniques, share strategies, advise on business concerns and give recognition and citations to outstanding sales performers. Twice a month, she attends the company's turnover wherein campaign programs and offers are explained and merchandised by branch executives. She learns the promo mechanics from their sales training supervisor.

VIRGIE Tecson, top dealer of House of Sara Lee

"My formula for success is simple—build your people and your people will build you. When I joined Sara Lee, my aim was to help my sales people who were displaced in our previous direct-selling stint. I wanted to help them build a career so they can have a better future for their respective families. The award as top sales dealer was just coincidental."

Balance

Most working women say they do not have enough time to be a CEO, mother, lover, exercise buff and gourmet chef. Nevertheless, Kho, Peña and Tecson do all that and more.

For them, a career is not a methodical rise to power, anyhow, but a zigzag course of ups, downs and plateaus. Years of caring for children contrast with years of make-it-or-break-it-all-out dedication to work. In between they seek balance: a challenging job plus time for family, friends and recreation.

For Kho, Mary Kay is a family venture. "My husband and four children support me in this endeavor. My son helps in delivering some products while my youngest aids in preparing gifts for my clients. After work, I spend quality time with them."

Peña says her love for work is what made her a success. "But the Lord and my family remain my priority."

At the rate things are going with her career, Tecson feels "equitably compensated. And I'm grateful to God and the House of Sara Lee for making my life beautiful."

Kho, Peña and Tecson all possess character, vision, autonomy, discipline, focus, clarity of purpose and communication skills. They are highly competent but are not workaholics—and they have a personal life.

Having it all can mean balance and leadership. This is what they want and they deserve to have them both.

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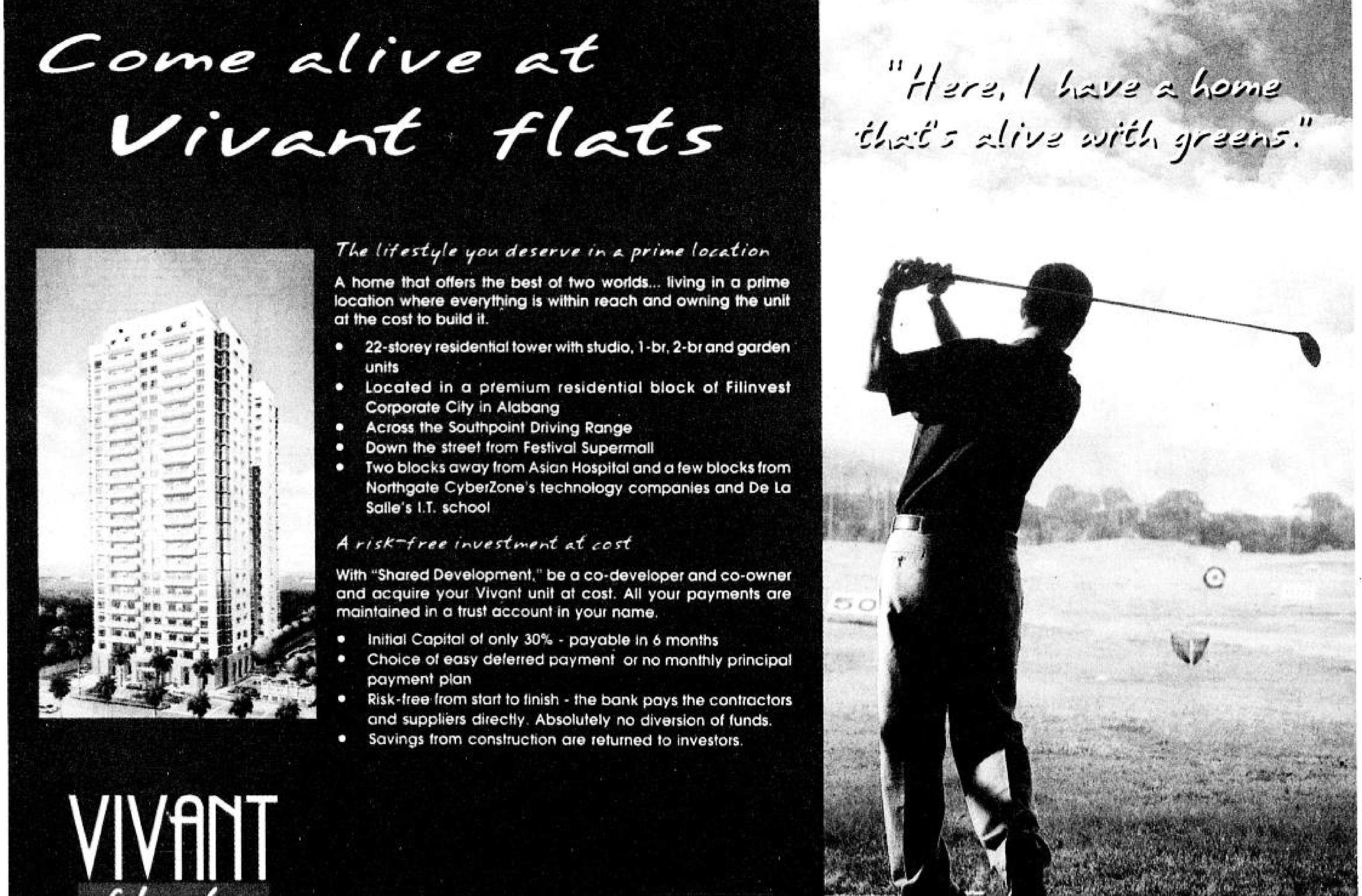

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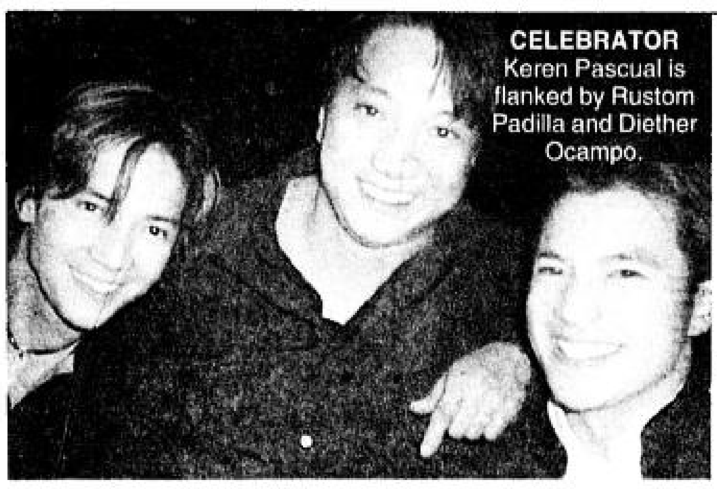
CELEBRATOR Keren Pascual is flanked by Rustom Padilla and Diether Ocampo.

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A starry birthday bash

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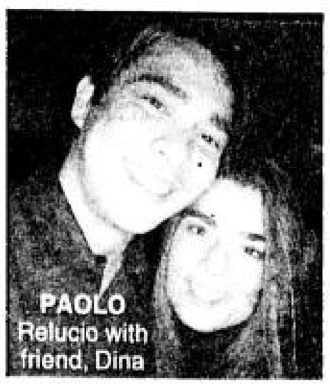
PARTY organizer **Keren Pascual**'s "A to Z" birthday bash, with reference to major sponsors Zed and Anonymous, was undoubtedly the party of the first quarter of the year. With a 2,000-strong guest list, it was not at all surprising there would be a lot of people even though the venue, the NBC White Tent—which is indeed cavernous—was not filled to the rafters.

Stars of the night were many but we dare list our favorites: **Kris Aquino, Zsa Zsa Padilla, Jeffrey Hidalgo, Jet Rai, Chris Vasquez, Diether Ocampo, Kenji Marquez, Pia Pilapil, Monchet Mateo, Peachy Veneracion, Vince Hizon, Paolo Cabalfin, Pops Fernandez, Bebet Timbol, Vivienne Tan, Marc Nelson, Albert Martinez** and a *balikbayan* in a checkered shirt who did not come back to be photographed.

And, yes, Keren was smashing as well.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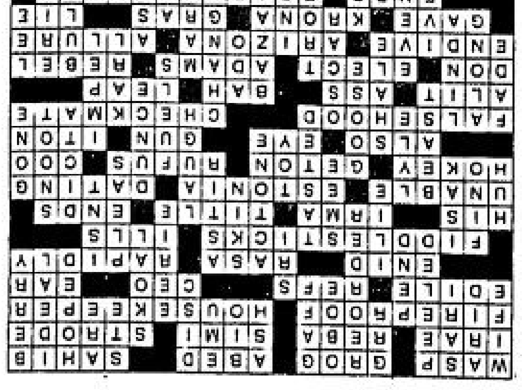

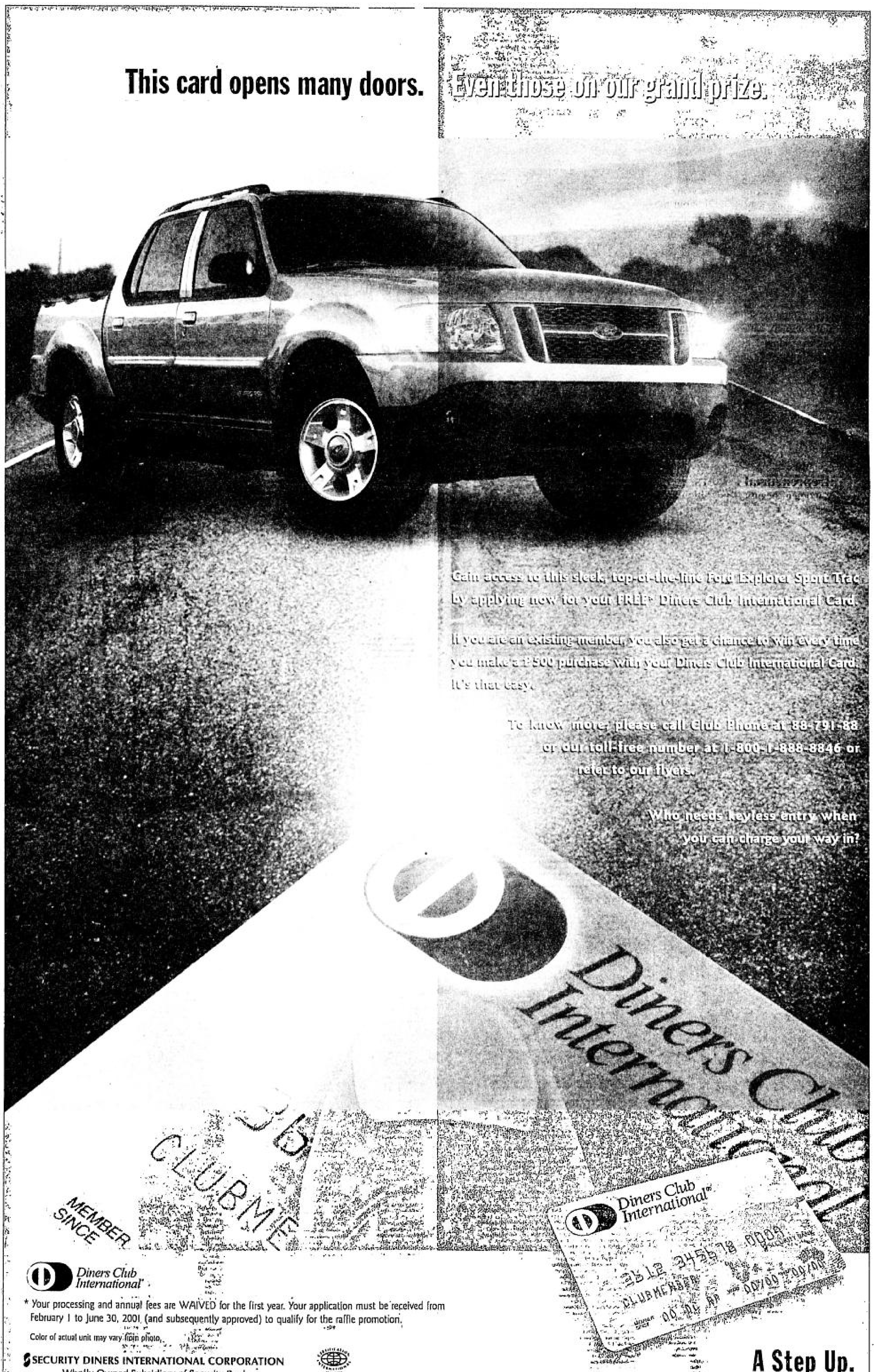
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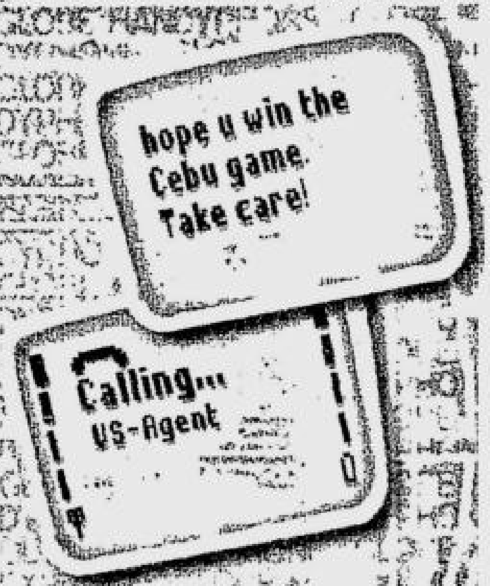
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Both Dindo and Janet have to stand guard, all the time. "Our eldest son, Joff, is a special child and requires full attention. After practice or a game, I would automatically call Janet to check on him," Dindo reveals. Janet adds: "We also equipped Joff's nurse with her own **Globe to update** us while they are in school or at rehab. Once, Joff had an attack at 1 a.m. Dindo called Joff's doctor. Good thing he's also using **Globe**, so we **made the connection right away.** And we all just met up at the hospital's emergency room."

Even abroad, both have no worries because they keep in touch through their Globe. Janet shares: "When I bring Joff to the US for his annual check-up, Dindo avails of **Globe's lowest IDD rate** to talk to us. Thus, he can make his call whenever he feels like it. This year, I'm going to have **International Roaming** activated in my phone so I can be **more accessible** as well."

Dindo's career is also assisted by Globe. "Through my cellphone, I am informed of the team practice and game schedules. *'Di na 'ko makatago!* Even my L.A.-based basketball agent **keeps in touch through text.** During provincial games, Janet would **send inspirational messages and wifely reminders,"** he winks.

And Janet supports her husband by holding court at home so Dindo can focus on important matches. "With my Globe, no matter what happens, I can **easily reach** him on emergency cases," she says.

On the rare moments that they manage to steal time for themselves, Dindo resorts to **GlobeXplore's movie sked.** "We both enjoy watching a good film," Dindo reveals. "Especially if capped by flowers and fine dining!" Janet playfully hints.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

SHARON CUNETA

The megastar as politician's wife

> 'It would be extremely idiotic of me not to use that (Sharon factor). But remember that Kiko was already doing greatly in the surveys even before I lifted a finger'

PLAYTIME

By the staff

SHARON Cuneta has been the icon of an entire generation of women now in their thirtysomething. From the first time she belted her first hit single, "Mr. DJ," she captured the hearts and imagination of young girls everywhere. When she starred in the blockbuster "Dear Heart," many wept with her. Following her triumphs and travails through the years, their hearts went a-flutter when she upped and married on-screen sweetheart Gabby Concepcion. When the marriage broke up a few years later and she became single mom to KC, they wept then cheered her on. Falling then getting up on her feet, a string of blockbuster films and a grand slam (for "Madrasta") legions of fans rejoiced when the Mega seemed to have reached the pinnacle of

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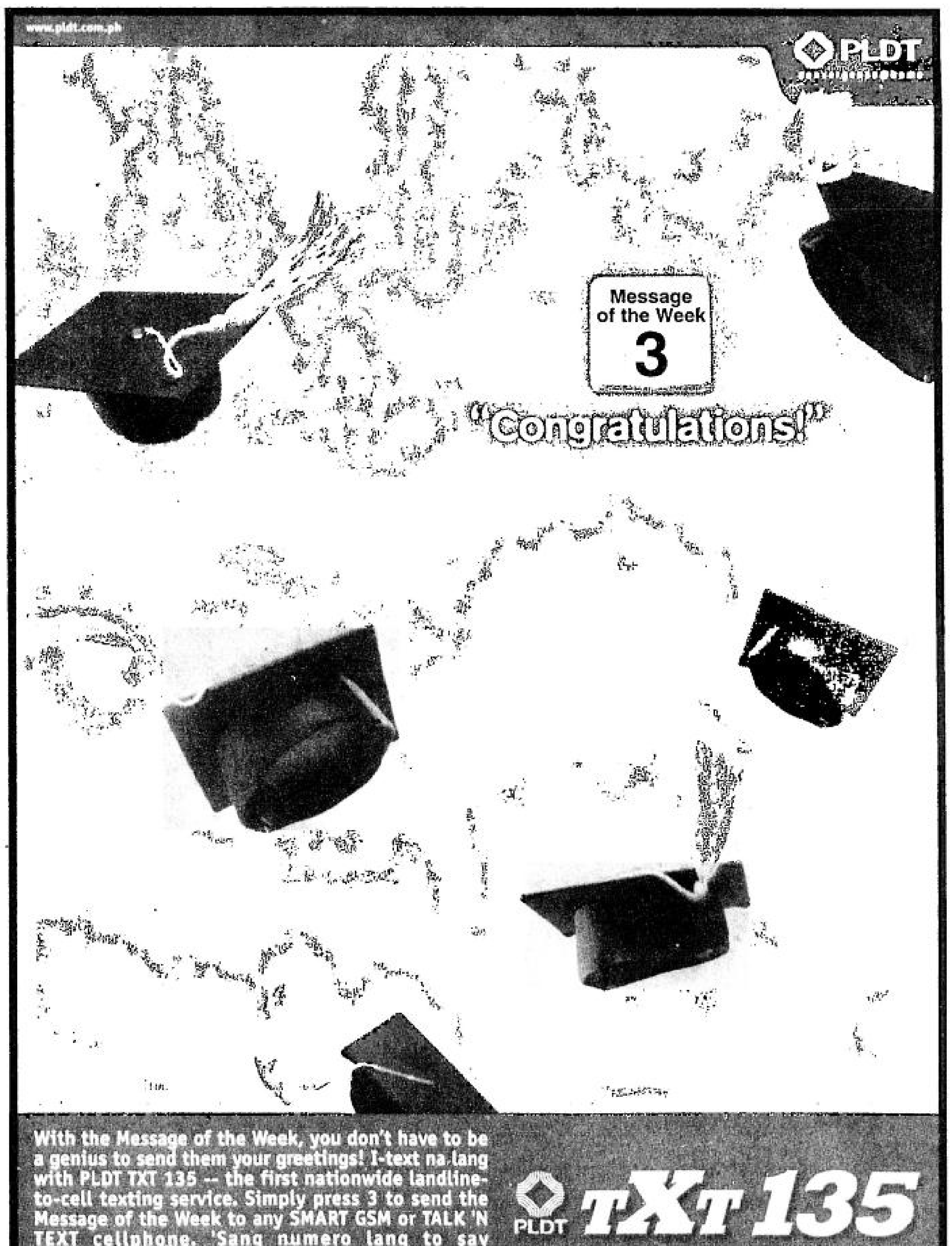

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The megastar as politician's wife

'I remember before, I wanted to get married because I wanted to live a not-so-complicated life since show business was already complicated. I had no idea I would end up with someone who would make my life a little more complicated'

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her career. To complete the picture, into her life walked Kiko Pangilinan and off they walked into the Boston sunset. Life was not all roses though as she mourned the loss of two babies in the early years of marriage. Survivor that she is, she waged and won with flying colors a major battle with the bulge and inspired many women who had long lost hope. Life has now come full circle with the birth of much-awaited Frankie who brings much joy and fulfillment into the megastar's life.

When INQUIRER Playtime visited her one afternoon at her elegant Wack-Wack home, Sharon was the picture of sheer contentment and bliss. Sharon was in her element as she lovingly carried 3-month-old Frankie, animatedly talking to her in the high-pitched tone that mothers use with their babies. As we sat around a centuries-old dining table, she shared with us her views on politics (hers and Kiko's), how family was top priority above anything else and gave us a glimpse of her struggles as a single parent. Through the emotional hardship we see her strength shine through. The soft side breaks through the surface as she talks about her two daughters—KC and Frankie—and her memories of Dad, Mayor Pablo Cuneta.

Sharon has become easier, more laid-back and calmer. Motherhood the second time around has certainly mellowed her. Poking fun at her weight, her campaign sorties and other serious matters, she clearly knows how to have fun and is true to herself. Nothing affected or show biz, megastar that she is.

In a month dedicated to women, Sharon's life issues echo with the pain and joy that many women have struggled with or continue to struggle with—motherhood, single parenthood, standing by one's man, weight loss (mundane as it may seem), finding a balance between career and home. The way she has managed to rise above her struggles and heal her pain is admirable. Strength coupled with a great sensitivity is what sets Sharon apart, in a league all her own.

How much does the baby weigh now?

We'll know on Friday (March 16). She'll be 3 months old. But she's size 6 months now.

The baby goes through seven changes *daw*. *Pero ang mukha daw* once the baby is born, *'yun na ang* final.

Yeah, *si* KC, when I look at her pictures.

How old is KC?

She'll be 16 on April 7.

Has she expressed any interest in entering show biz?

She likes to sing but she has no interest in the movies. She likes to sing but I don't think she's looking at it as a career.

To your relief?

Yeah, to my relief. I'd like her to be doing something also constructive on the side aside from just schoolwork and she has to be more exposed to other things. She's very athletic, she's into a lot of sports—soccer, lacrosse, swimming... In the water, she's like a fish. She's my fish. Since she was small, *eh*. And competitive *'yung pagiging* sporty *niya*.

Where does she go to school?

IS (International School).

She's happy *naman*?

Yeah, she is. And her academics now are much better.

How long have you lived here (Wack-Wack)?

We built it before [we went to] Boston, *eh*. We moved in *mga* two weeks before we left for Boston. Can you imagine? It's a new house, from the ground *talaga*. We demolished the old house. That one back there is the guesthouse. My mommy stays there when she comes here. It has a tiny bedroom that's like a studio, a living room, a dining room, a tiny kitchen and a bathroom. That's the pool but we covered it when my daughter had her dedication, *parang binyag* when you're a Christian. *Siguro* we'll keep it [covered] for the duration of the campaign *kasi* there's not much entertainment space because it's *pahaba*. But Kiko hasn't used it since [the dedication].

Where does your mom stay now?

In Dasma, where I grew up, with my brother and his family. My brother is five years older.

How often does she come here?

Ah sus, every week. Sometimes two, three nights in a week. And then I don't want her to go home. But she says, "But my other *apos* will look for me." She's like that. (Laughs) "*Ang hirap talaga ng biyuda. Kung saan ka dalhin...*" Yesterday we were together because I had a meeting for Kiko in Makati. I was with the baby and KC after school.

You breastfeed?

I was [breastfeeding]. I can't anymore. When the campaign started it became close to impossible to keep up. I said *nga, sana* the next baby, if God will give us another baby. *Sana nga* two more. *Sana nga* twins *na*. (Laughs) *Sana* when she's *mga* 2, *masundan na*. Not *naman* too soon.

So your movies are on hold right now, or are you...?

Yeah, but I'm trying to lose weight. I'm on a diet four days a week... I have to break the diet because sometimes I have meetings outside, and when you're campaigning *pa* and they offer you food, *alangan namang mag-arte ako ano* and say, "*Puwede bang* chicken *lang*, roasted, *walang* oil, *tapos pakitanggal 'yung skin.*" (Laughter) *Di puwede*. But I've dropped 15 pounds since [giving birth].

How much did you weigh then?

I'll just say that I lost around 70-75 pounds. I wanted to be a bit underweight. It was 1½ years but the really serious dieting came in the last six months or so.

You don't work out?

I did the treadmill before. But I'm not cut out for it, *eh*. If you say, "Let's go to the gym," I will imagine getting up, getting dressed, being in traffic before I get there. I know it's a lousy [excuse] but someday I hope.

Are you confident that Kiko will win?.

The surveys tell me I should be confident. But you cannot be too confident in this game [of] politics. It's unpredictable

It's nothing new to you, I suppose.

It's nothing new in the sense that I grew up with a mayor for a father. But it's different when you're a wife. Now, if we cannot go, we have to get some singers to entertain the crowd between speeches. I think it's necessary because it's just the Filipino style, the prospective voters would want to have some entertainment or they're going to sleep on you. What are you going to do? They can't hear your *plataporma*. (Chuckles) It's different because when you're a wife, you're right beside the candidate. When you're a daughter you can afford to just go to certain rallies... Once in a while, I'd go house to house for my dad before. I did the nationals for Mr. (Danding) Cojuangco. I've been around politicians all my life but it's really different now.

People look for you.

Yeah.

How often do you join Kiko on the campaign trail?

As often as I can. Once I flew to Cebu in the afternoon and came home early the next morning because I had an appointment at 8:30 a.m. so I had no sleep at all. When it's like that and you have two hours in between, some people will take advantage of the two hours [to sleep]. I'm not the type. *Baka hindi ako magising*. I get worried. I can't rest.

I meet with people who want to help him and they give the master schedule and whenever I can attend, I go.

Is his candidacy a mutual decision? *Lalo pa* at this point in your life when you have a new baby...

We've always had this kind of partnership. We respect each other's individuality. Like, I don't appreciate people making *pakialam* in my work, you know what I mean? My feeling is that they should trust me enough and the decisions that I make. I give back the same thing. I don't expect [to get] what I can't give back. We talked about it, out of respect because I'm his wife. And I said, it's gonna be a hard life after that. I remember before, I wanted to get married because I wanted to live a not-so-complicated life since show business was already complicated. I had no idea (Chuckles) I would end up with someone who would make my life a little more complicated. But that's...

Interesting.

Yes, interesting. I can't be bored *naman, eh*, so that's okay. (Laughs) The minute I said, "It's gonna be like this, like that," after weighing things... I knew it was his dream to do good, because he always said that "It's a dirty job but someone has to do it. We have to do some good but who's gonna do it? We keep complaining so I have to do my part." So after a while, okay, I supported it. And it's the same way. He gets upset when my schedule doesn't allow me to spend as much time with the family. Like when I was shooting round the clock, I kept saying, "One month *na lang*, one month *na lang*..." Olive Lamasan, my director, is really *metikulosa*. Even "Madrasta" took longer...

Are you saying you're giving back to him because he stood by you all these years?

It wasn't a conscious *ano*, we're just like that by nature. *Bigayan lang*. In any marriage I guess it has to be *bigayan*.

When did he decide to run? When you were pregnant or *noong nasa* Boston *pa kayo may plano na siya*?

Ah, hindi. Eto, siguro when I was pregnant. Not long before that. But obviously, we went to Boston because he took up his master's in public administration at Harvard. *Siguro naman hindi niya ambisyon maging* singer, *'di ba*? (Laughs) We knew it was a preparation for something. He just wasn't decided on what position to run for or when.

How about you? *'Di ba* when your daddy died, there were talks you were going into politics or something?

It's funny because what I said in the last Mass before he was buried was, "Daddy, I'm sorry"... I guess I was carried away by all the emotions and then

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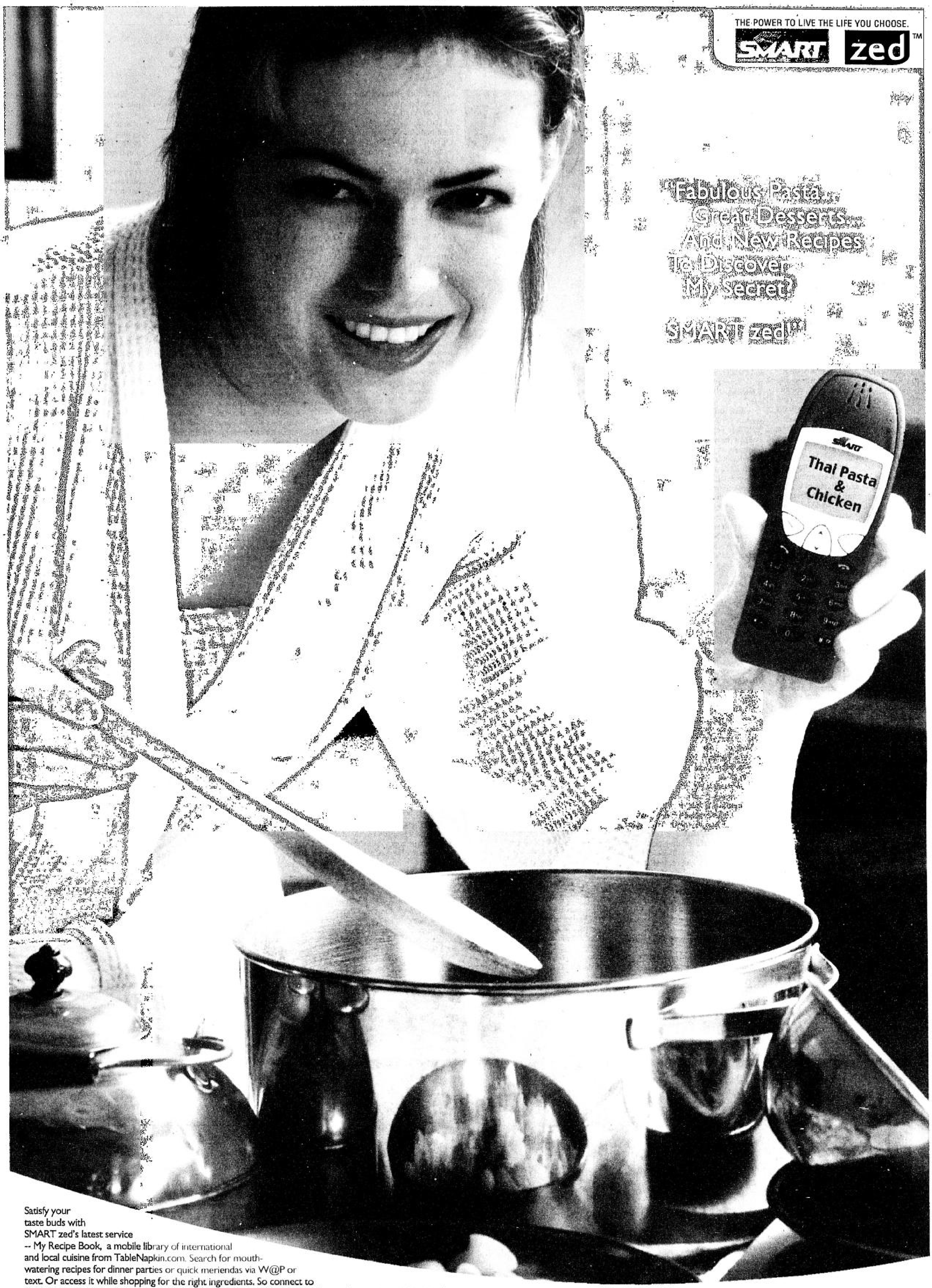
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The megastar as politician's wife

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I saw Pasay again for many days. I remember going around the city with my mom after the funeral, [although we were] just in the car. I was thinking, so this is the city my father helped build. I used the whole time of mourning to also reflect and all that. That was his biggest dream, *eh*, for me. "I want you to do this, that" blah, blah, blah. It came to a point *nga* that he said, "It's not a request, I'm commanding you." And we didn't talk to each other for like two weeks... All I said was, "Daddy, I'm sorry *hindi ko natupad 'yung pangarap mo. Pero pag-iisipan ko na ho.*" That's what I said. Apparently some people took it *na*, "She's going [into it] right away." I just meant exactly what I said, no more, no less. *Pag-iisipan ko talaga.* So up to now *nag-iisip ako.* (Laughs) *Pero* busy *ako*, so...

Do you feel one politician in the family is enough right now?

Yeah, for the time being. I'll tell you, I love what I do. I love making movies, I love doing my show, I love singing... I mean, I'm not at that point where, "Sharon, do this *na lang* instead of that." I'm not about to give it up. I'm enjoying it too much. It's been my life for the past 23 years. This is my world. Let me take care of this first. Then someday if I get bored (Chuckles)... It's not that if I get bored I'd go into something... *Baka sabihin*... It's not that. If I think I'm ripe for something else, then I'll probably consider it. You know, when I picture my future, I think of my kids being married and my having grandkids. I think of Kiko and I living in a farm somewhere or in a quiet province because that's like our dream, *eh*, someday when we're old. Peace and quiet.

How about the baby's sleeping hours?

She's a pretty good girl. She's very good. She doesn't fidget much. She's not fussy. She only cries when she's hungry or needs a nappy change or she wants to make *bilad na*. She knows her time, *eh*. At 7 a.m., you have to bring her down, put her in the stroller, take her round and round and she's very happy. In the middle of the night she wakes up three times at the most, but that's rare, usually two times *lang*.

And how does KC feel about her father?

Well, of course, you know... What kid wouldn't want a relationship with one of her biological parents? But she's really fine about it. She had a father figure in my father, then my brother, and now Kiko, and they adore each other. And she's not prevented from talking about her own father or from saying "I miss him" sometimes. It's normal. I think she remembers the days they spent when she was younger. '*Yung dadalhin siya sa* Anilao, *ganyan*... Those are her memories. Though *siyempre*, since I was the one who did all the disciplining, *ako 'yung* reality, *eh*. (Laughs) *Ako 'yung bruha minsan*. I've had to be the *bruha*. That's okay. No one stops her... We're really a family now. She's not someone else. Kiko told her before we had Frankie: "No matter how many children your mom and I have, you will always be my eldest." They have a routine. Up to now they do the grocery together. They've been at it for five years or something. I'm not allowed to go. (Laughter) Except in Boston. That's their bonding time. Even if he's so busy campaigning, *biglang dadating 'yan sa* school *ni* KC, *mga sasakyan na may mga* posters *ni* Kiko, *susunduin siya* (KC), *maggo*-grocery *sila. Tapos dadalhin siya dito, tapos aalis na 'yung* daddy *niya.*

You haven't tried doing the grocery?

I've wanted to *pero puwera ako sa kanilang dalawa.* (Chuckles)

Do you make the list?

They (maids) do it inside and whatever we need upstairs I make the list.

Do you keep the same staff?

Yeah, they're the same. It's just that now there's another *yaya*, two security guards, my old bodyguard, I mean, old as in from before. He came back last week. I haven't had a bodyguard for years but now that we're campaigning, "Okay, okay, come back."

Don't you have a *yaya* yourself?

Yes. I've had her for 30 years. And I've offered her a queenly lifestyle. I said, "*Yaya, diyan ka na lang sa bahay, ayusin mo ang gamit ko, para* enjoy *ka.*" *Magkakasakit daw siya.* Actually it's my work, my pace that keeps her strong, I think.

How old is she?

Seventy two! She's Yaya Luring. *Mas sikat nga sa akin 'yan, eh.* Me I can hide *pa, eh*, if it's a really crowded place and I want not to be seen. *Kaya sinasabi ko, "Lumayo ka sa akin, yaya.* (Chuckles) *Pag nakita ka nila, alam na nila.*"

You handpicked everything that's here in your home?

Ninety percent. And lots of gifts.

How hands-on are you when it comes to, say, the menu?

It depends on who's eating at home. When KC's not eating here or Kiko's not home, what I do is I just tell them to cook *na lang kung ano ang nandyan*. But for a whole week when the whole family will be home most of the time, there's a set menu. We have a good cook.

How do you psyche yourself up as a politician's wife?

I just know I'll be busier. But I'm not the type who'll go to all the socials.

***Kasi may* association *ng* Senate spouses.**

Ako kahit pa hindi 'yun, eh. Basta let's say, God willing I'll end up there and my husband wins, if there's a fund-raising event or something, *hindi parang*... I've done my share, *eh*, for a while, without really having to say anything. I'll still be working, that's it. I will not be stopped from making movies (Laughs) or from doing concerts.

***May* expectations *na ang tao sa iyo. Hindi ka na lang basta artista* but also a senator's wife...**

Well, I've already slowed down a bit since Boston. Even before I got pregnant, my movie with Richard (Gomez) was the first and last that I did within a period of two, three years.

Would you limit yourself to certain roles now, like, no more kissing scenes...?

I'm an actress, *eh. Kung puwedeng wala 'di mas mabuti. Pero alam mo, 'di ko na puwedeng gawin ang* "P.S. I Love You" *ngayon.* (Chuckles) *Kahit 'yung mga bata mawe*-weird-*an na.* (Laughs) *Gaya nung* movie *namin ni* Richard, *may* affair *kami, may kanya-kanyang asawa, pero magka*-holding hands *lang kami.* (Laughs) But my directors know, the whole industry knows, I will not go beyond a certain line. I cannot. *Hanggang halik lang ako, hanggang daya lang. Bali-baliktarin mo 'yung eksena hanggang halik lang 'yun hindi* love scene *na*... It's really the imagination that starts working in your audience.

What movie are you doing after the elections?

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With Robin (Padilla), hopefully *matuloy*, with Viva. I'm waiting for a good story...

It's action-comedy?

That's what we're trying to decide. Because Robin has crossed that boundary—action star *tapos* he's moved on to be a matinee idol (Laughs) via his movie with Regine (Velasquez). I'm very happy for him because not everyone can do that. And you'll notice a lot of matinee idols have tried to cross over into action also but they haven't really been successful. He's one of the rare ones. He's a real superstar. I think people like (the fact) that he's been through all these bad things and he's been able to stand up and really turn his life around. People appreciate that; it's being human.

Do you still love to read?

Yeah, up to now.

What are you reading now?

"The Private Life of Chairman Mao" (Chuckles). It's written by his private physician. For like the past two years, I've been into Chinese stuff, about the cultural revolution, biographies [of people] who went through like *nakulong nang walang rason*... And even before that. My favorite is Adeline Yen Ma—she wrote "Falling Leaves" and, *parang* a sequel to that, "Chinese Cinderella." I love her because [her story] is so real, because she was so unwanted by her dad. *Eh, baliktad kami.* I really would cry.

Where do you get your books? Do you buy here or through the Internet?

Both. If I really want books...you know, *medyo* I want them now (Laughs) or in a few days, and I know it will take another two months for them to get here, then I order abroad. But now because the dollar is so high, I just wait... I haven't had the time to shop for books lately. And I have a whole library.

How do you feel when some media people lump Kiko with some *artistas*, *parang* lightweight?

It's really funny because *ang artista yung asawa niya hindi siya.* (Laughs) He's a celebrity in a way *pero* it's unfair. It's like lumping Ralph (Recto)... I guess it can't be helped but I hope a distinction is made because their spouses are *artistas*, but they really shine on their own. My husband has credentials. *Lahat nga kami kinuhanan na niya ng* degree. (Chuckles) And he's worked hard. His track record shows that. It's a bit unfair sometimes. It gets attention but it's a bit unfair that people say, "*asawa ni* Sharon," period. That's not the only reason he has for running.

But you must admit the Sharon factor will greatly enhance his chances.

You know, I'm hoping it comes in greatly! (Chuckles) It would be extremely idiotic of me not to... use that. But remember that he was already doing greatly in the surveys even before I lifted a finger.

Being a popular actress, what do you think about the recent developments, like *yung nangyari kay* Erap? Do you think more stars should go into politics?

You know, I never generalize. Let's say you took an actor, an action star. *Inapi-api mo. Hindi mo alam nag-* Harvard *pala. Huwag na yung* degree. Let's say there's an action star who wants to run. This guy has had a decent life for the past 10 years. He doesn't really have a degree but, as we all know, [a degree] is not a guarantee to one's success in life or how much you're going to give back to society. He doesn't have a degree but he's helped so many people in the business and out. Because some people approach you when you're a *sikat na artista*. They look up to you so they think you're some kind of.. not *naman* savior...that's too strong a word...

Benefactor.

Yes, benefactor. And they're so familiar with you—like I come out on TV every week—they think you're part of the family, that they can say, like, "*Ang taba mo ngayon.*" I say, "*Oo nga, eh.*" When it's said like that I'm really fine about it. I find it *pa nga* cute. But sometimes when they're people *na nang-iinis lang*, they don't deserve my time. (Chuckles)

You can't generalize, *eh*. There are people who I think are well qualified.

Like who?

I don't wanna mention because some are running against each other. (Laughter) Or they're running against some who are good friends...

'I want to change my metabolism actually, so no matter what I eat I'll be thin. I smell food and I gain. Five pounds *na 'yun*'

You don't get hurt anymore when you hear those things?

Of course I get hurt, but to say that it will keep me awake at night, no it doesn't happen. Not anymore. Of course when you're younger, you're thinking, "Why are they hurting me? I'm not doing anything to them." Now I say, "This person doesn't know me *kasi*," stuff like that. Or, "This person is being paid by someone else to do this to me!" (Laughter) Because it's only either of two things, it's true! It's a dirty business—show business—so it's very uncool. You can make *pintas* of anything but when it's my *pagkatao* no matter how little... *Parang*, when people are given the impression through a write-up, let's say, *na* "this girl doesn't care," yeah, that hurts me. That hurts me more than, "She doesn't know how to act. She can't carry a tune." That hurts me more because the only thing I hold on to is (that) when I leave the business I'll be whole. I will not have sold any part of myself just because I wanted to be *sikat*.

***Nagkakaroon ka na rin ng* exposure as a media person as a talk show host...**

But you know, it's only 2½ years old. "The Sharon Cuneta Show," which was a musical-variety show, was 11 years. This show, in the first several months, maybe the first year—*siyempre* with so many years in the business—I've gotten used to being the interviewee instead of the interviewer. Even I would ask my director, Rowell (Santiago), "*Direk, pag medyo madaldal na ako ha, ipaano mo ako sa* floor director." *Kasi mamaya* feeling *ko nasa sala ako at nakikipagkuwentuhan*! (Chuckles) I can't pretend to be someone else when I'm doing the show. I actually enjoy it. It's just fun. Because I am an actress, I don't think people expect me to be *maintriga*. I said it on "The Buzz" last Sunday *na* other shows can be risqué or something because that's what they are there to do, *na nambubuko* or *ganyan*. *Ako* I like my guests to have a pleasant time in the show *kasi artista rin ako, eh.* I tell them, "I like to treat you the way I want to be treated." On a Sunday evening and you're home, *siguro* before you sit down to dinner, you want to laugh or at least be touched when [the subject is] sad. You don't expect any heavy-duty issue hitting you or tackling "The Correspondents" type of thing or "The Buzz" type of thing. (Chuckles) It's just all fun and *kalokohan*.

Who decides the guests on the show?

That is decided by the staff and approved by upper management. When we meet, of course, we suggest. In the end, more often than not, I'm just told who my guests are going to be.

How's the competition between "Sharon" and "Mel and Jay"?

When "Sharon" was starting, when I just arrived from Boston, I could not very well get my old time slot. They offered me 6 o'clock. I said that's up against "Mel and Jay"! Because before [with "TSCS"], "Mel and Jay" was my preprogramming. I've always had the highest respect for them both. I remember I could not sleep. I wrote Tita Mel and Tito Jay a letter and said, "The last thing I expected was I would have to go up against your show. Please... I love you both..." And they said, "Don't worry about it. We're not those types of people." I said, "It's nothing personal. Beggars can't be choosers. This is the slot given to me." In the beginning it was really hard; they're like an institution and all. Now we're kind of okay. It's a neck-and-neck thing every Sunday. (Chuckles) It makes it interesting.

Do you have commercials in the offing?

My usual renewals, some have extended. Now I'm studying several new ones. I'm still with my Alaska, WG&A and McDonald's forever and ever. They've been there for like forever. (Chuckles) Del Monte *matagal pa* before it expires, another half year *yata*. Century Tuna I haven't done for like two, three years. Selecta *wala na rin.*

Have you taken the Superferry?

(Grins) I have, I loved it! The last time was when we were newly married then we went *na* to Boston. I took it to Cebu, Iloilo, Boracay. It's forced relaxation, *eh*. And every ship has a Sharon Suite. (Smiles) It's a really nice room with pictures of me. (Laughter) It's so cute. People ask me how it looks and I tell them that. (Laughs) And everywhere you go you see someone going like this (Makes a hand salute).

Did you have a hand in decorating it?

Of course not. I'm not an Aboitiz. (Chuckles) You know when it's a ship they probably have safety standards...

That's the best suite in the house?

Supposedly yes. I love my ships. I call them my ships. My boss in Aboitiz calls me the admiral. I love them (Aboitizes) very much. Sabine is the *ninang* of Frankie. I don't get *ninongs* and *ninangs* just for the name. I've never been the type. Just good friends and family.

***Sino ang mga ninong at ninang ni* Frankie?**

Sus, 16 *yun, eh.* David Celdran who's the best friend of Kiko. *Sa artista*, only Edu (Manzano), Cesar Montano and Fanny (Serrano). Fanny is like the *lola* of my kids. I call him TF for Tita Fanny and KC calls him LF for Lola Fanny. The others are lawyers, Sabine, *mga* friends of Kiko's, cousins and Gov. Josie de la Cruz of Bulacan whom Kiko has known even before she became vice governor. Edu, he's like my lucky charm in all my movies. I love him. He was also my *pangulo* in KAPP before; I was the chair.

Are there plans for you and Cherie Gil to do a movie again?

Ay, si Cherie, *ninang ng anak ko*!

Are you also born-again?

Yes, I have been since '87, long before I met him (Kiko).

What does Kiko tell you about his plans?

I don't see him anymore. (Laughs) This is the kind of husband I have. I was pregnant in Boston, the one I lost, and I said, "How's this? If this pregnancy goes on, I'll have to give birth here." And he said, "No!" So I said, "But your children might want to have a choice [of citizenship]." He said, "Why do you want them to have a choice? We're both Filipinos! They have to be Filipinos!" He's like that. He's always on the side of what's true and what's right and what's good no matter who you are. So even if you're family he'll give you a dressing down. He's like that. I knew of his intentions and his intentions are good. And he's well equipped for it. Sorry *pero talagang ikinakampanya ko ang asawa ko.* (Chuckles) He has the education...

How many of the candidates have the same qualifications?

I'm proud to say I do not know. (Laughs) My husband is highly principled, incorruptible. I was fine and dandy for nine years. I could not have married him. He's the one I wanted to end up with. I saw good husband material in him. It had to be him. We have the same values.

Do you compare notes with Vilma Santos?

No, we have not had the chance. She's too busy. That's an example— Vilma Santos has been doing a great job in Lipa. You can't generalize, you see.

Don't you think this senatorial race between Ralph and Kiko will be perceived as a proxy competition between you and Vilma in terms of popularity?

Whoever thinks that way will have to be really immature. (Laughs) You have to be really petty and childish. They'll probably think that because they

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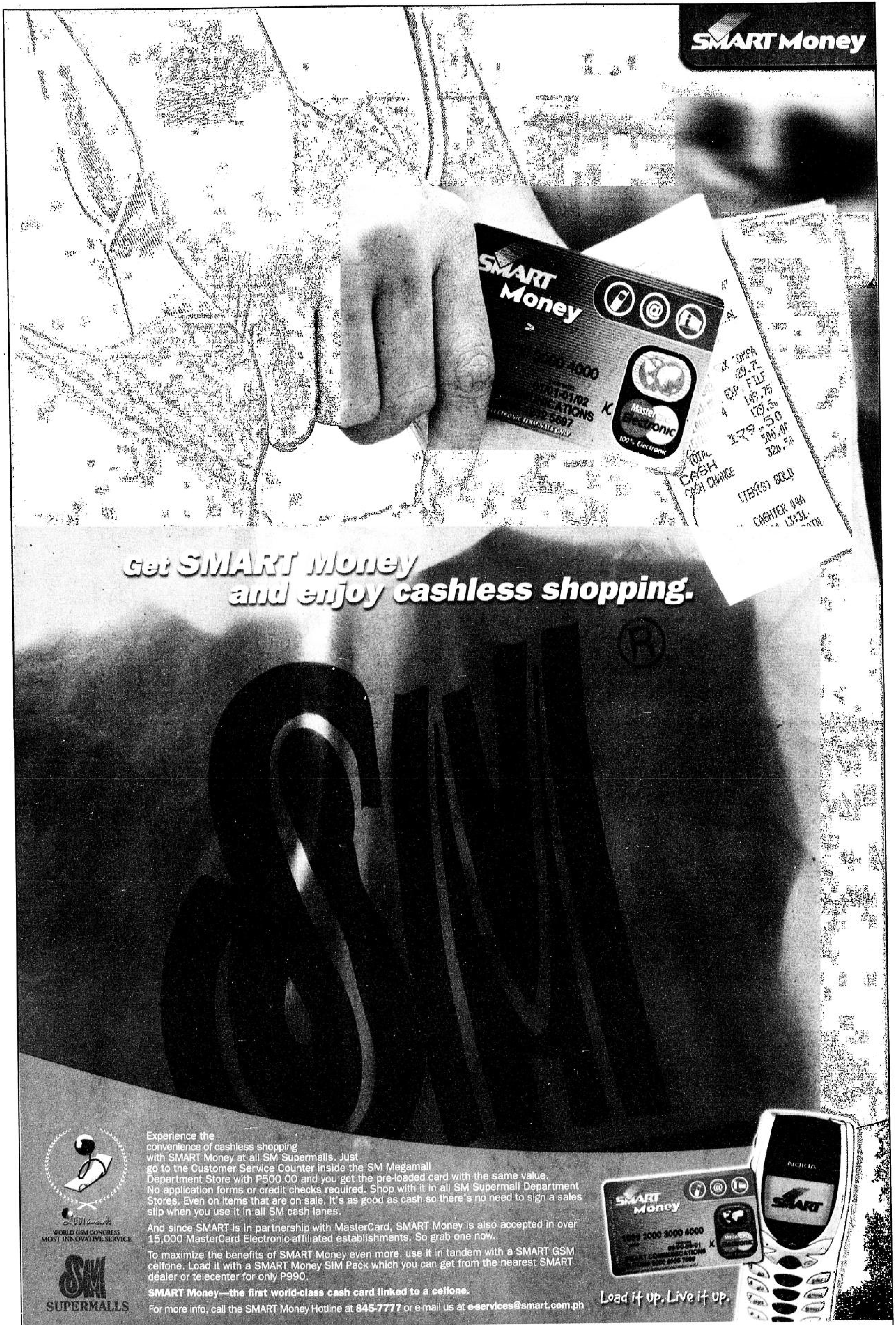

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have nothing to do. No, I don't think so. Everyone knows we're good friends, *eh*.

Have you campaigned together?

No, not yet. Only when they were on my show, with Ralph and Kiko.

***Siguro* strategy *yun na hindi kayo puwedeng pagsabayin*.**

Kasi Ate Vi is also campaigning in Lipa, *eh*.

***May kalaban ba siya*?**

Hindi ko alam. Pero ang galing-galing na niya. Baka April she'll also start campaigning for Ralph. You know, our husbands *naman* don't say, "*Kailangan nandun ka*." They're not like that. *Ako yung ano*, "Give me *naman* the schedule. Whatever I can attend, I'll go to."

Where have you gone?

Cebu and around here. These are mostly meetings that I attend. We ask for help for Kiko. It's my duty. (Chuckles)

***Sa kampanya, totoo ba yun na hindi daw umuuwi yung tao hangga't hindi ka lumalabas*?**

The latest *na lumalabas ako mga* 1 or 1:30 a.m. It happened once, *eh*.

Do they announce that you're there?

When I'll be there. What I don't like is when people make the mistake of announcing that I'm coming—or do it deliberately—and I'm not. Because people will come... We don't know who's doing it, *kung yung kababayan nila o... May ganun, eh. Tapos galit sila kay* Kiko *kung wala ako. Diyos ko po*! (Chuckles) It's so unfair.

Does KC go on the campaign trail?

Not all the time. I would like for her to see [as much of it] but it would be... She's not like me in that sense. With me, I enjoyed just being with my mom and dad. I campaigned for my dad. That's why you bring me anywhere I'll be comfortable. Bring me to the squatters' area, fine. It's no big deal. That's one of the best gifts our parents gave us.

What are you singing in the campaign trail?

Ay, naku, they always ask for the hits. "Maging Sino Ka Man," "Kahit Konting Pagtingin."

***May* minus one *ka*?**

Hay, cassette! (Laughs) *Kasi naman* when you go to the provinces, you don't expect them to have really great equipment. May sound system *naman kami* but they're the safest. May picture *pa akong naka-ganyan* (Poses). (Laughter) *Pang*-multiplex! *Sabi ko noon pa*, "I need minus ones for..." *Sabi nila*, "You know we don't have the masters..." *Sabi ko*, "*Naku, saan ako kukuha*?" *Sinabihan ako*, "*Punta ka dun sa* National Bookstore." *Meron pala dun. Tuwang-tuwa ako*! (Laughs) I sing two to four songs, *depende*. But those songs *naman* I can sing even when I'm sleeping so it's no big deal.

How do you resolve it that your Tita Helen (Gamboa-Sotto) is on the other side of the political fence?

Uncle Tito is like my dad. I call him Fad for father, we all do; Mad for mother. More so when my father died. In fact I said that in the eulogy: "*Wala na akong* daddy. Uncle Tito *ikaw na lang at ang biyenan ko*." We're really close. In fact their kids were raised to treat me like their eldest sister, the four of them up to this day do. Because I love Kiko and I love him (Tito), *siguro* in the beginning my dream was for them to be together. I embraced him, and I cried only because they're (Kiko and Tito) not together and all that. He said, "In our family there's no politics." And I really appreciated that. And it's true. There's too much love between my family and theirs for us to make a big thing about this. In the end this is all gonna pass, and I'm sorry but he really is a good person. He's a decent person. His *lolo* was a senator. I may not agree with some of the things he chose to stand up for but I respect him and I love him in the same way that they also respect our stand.

Lala (Sotto) is running, my cousin, my sister, for *konsehala* of Quezon City. (Chuckles)

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The megastar as politician's wife

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***sina* Kiko *ano*? Was it threatening in the beginning?**

In the beginning *na*-culture shock *ako ng konti*. I told them that and I told Kiko that. *Kasi* I've only one brother—he's five years older—who, until the day before I got married—he's a pilot, *eh*—would knock on my door and say good morning or kiss me good night. We're really close. I'm his baby. We're used to that. It's just the two of us and it's usually *walang pakialaman kasi lalake siya* and *babae ako. Tapos pag nag*-reunion *sila* (Pangilinans), on the first year of our marriage, *susmaryosep, ang daming tao*! (Chuckles) My mommy has lots of sisters also; she comes from a family of nine. They're all married and I have lots of cousins. But it's different. *Yung mga pinsan* you only see them on big occasions, like Christmas or birthday parties. *Pero sila* (Pangilinans) I was really overwhelmed in the beginning. *Tapos ang* feeling *ko*, my God, *ang daming dapat pakisamahan*!

Ang daming dapat regaluhan.

Ah, okay *lang yun*. That's my happiness. Really, I like fixing my Christmas stuff myself. When you give *naman* gifts they don't have to be really *ano*. *Basta* I like doing that.

***Pakisama* is something you have to work at.**

Not really to work at because it turned out they're okay. I love them all it's just that I'm closer to some because we're more *pareho*. A lot of our concerns are similar. [One of them is] Ate Maricel. Ate is the eldest and she's really groovy. (Chuckles)

Are they all involved in the campaign?

They all are, particularly Ate Maricel (Pangilinan-Arenas) and Anthony. And Ate Angeli helps out... but she's also running a company so *mahirap*. Kuya Joseph... They're all involved. That's how *ano* their family is. And Daddy and Mommy, and my mother. My mother is very excited.

Are they all here?

Except for one sister who's married to a German.

Do you still get to cook?

The last time was when I was pregnant *pa*, the latter stages of my pregnancy.

What's Kiko's favorite?

He's very native, *eh*. *Sabi ko nga*, "*Sayang naman ang pinaaral ng nanay ko sa akin, pareho pala kayo ng* Daddy. (Chuckles) *Gusto nyo okra, eh* I don't eat *okra*." But I like *mga inihaw na talong*, and that's what he likes. He's very native. He likes fish. *Natuto lang daw siyang mag*-pork *sa akin*. He likes my porkloin, my roast pork, my turkey. When there's something [big], I roast a turkey.

Saan ka nag-aral magluto?

My mom's Kapampangan, *eh*. And I went to Lory Reynoso, Sylvia, when I was younger. And in the house, *kasi sa amin pag babae ka dapat marunong kang magluto*. (Chuckles) *Ako kahit mag-imbento lang*. And I have recipes.

If you weren't in show biz today, would you be in business?

I would've gotten my degree. I would've finished school. I would've probably gone on to get an MBA. That's the problem because I wanna go back to school, *eh*. So I'm still trying to decide also. When we were in Boston. I went to Boston College for two terms, four subjects *lang* all in all. The second term I was pregnant *na* and I was doing concerts...

What subjects did you take?

Business.

And you're planning to take it up again?

No, I'm really torn because Kiko said, "Why don't you take literature?" because that's my love, *eh*. I don't know if I would want to take up masscom because it's been my life for 23 years; I want something different *naman*. Some say, "Don't take business because it's too practical. Take philosophy" or *ganyan*... Let me *ano muna*. It's discipline actually. I wanna go back to school. If there's one huge regret I have it's that I didn't finish school. And I didn't quit school because I was working *na*. I stopped because I got married. And I tried to go back. I was pregnant (Chuckles) but my vice principal said, "Are you crazy?" I left in 11th grade and I took the DECS high school equivalency exam, [to determine what year you should be enrolled in] if you wanna go back to school. I passed so I'm eligible for college.

Why don't you take creative writing?

Yeah, I like to. Don't they go hand in hand—reading and writing? If you like to read usually you like to write. You cannot write without reading.

***Sino ang gagawa ng* gown *mo sa* inauguration?**

My God! *Depende sa katawan ko*. (Laughs) *Pag pumayat na*...

***Sinong favorite* designers *mo*? *Yung* you're comfortable with.**

Rajo Laurel, Danilo Franco, Fanny Serrano, because Fanny really knows my, *Diyos ko!, mga bilbil ko alam niya*. (Laughs) He also does my face. What I like about Fanny, he doesn't stick to just one makeup style. He can be adventurous. He's very talented in that way. You're not stuck with one look forever.

How about on the campaign trail?

I do it myself. Like today, *ako lang*. I usually just put moisturizer. Now that I'm older I moisturize a lot.

Where do you get your wardrobe?

Now, because I don't go out much, I wear men's shirts like this. This is my *pambuntis* pants, the one with a stretch in the middle. (Chuckles) For casuals, in the US or Hong Kong. For the show, there's Danilo Franco. His clothes fit really well. Inno Sotto for special occasions. Pepito Albert when you're sexy. When you're thin it's nice to... I don't anymore buy expensive stuff. Very rarely *na lang*. When I was younger and thin, I'd end up buying these expensive name brands. Now *parang, Diyos ko, bakit ko ba binili lahat yun*? You have to be more practical.

Is there anything you'd want to change about yourself?

My weight! (Laughs) My metabolism actually, so no matter what I eat I'll be thin.

You're the type *na* you eat a little bit and you gain *na ano*?

No, I smell it and I gain. (Laughter) "*Ay, sarap!*" Five pounds *na yun*. (Laughter)

What would you change in Kiko?

I like him not to be serious too often because he's really funny. He has a really funny side. I guess lawyers are trained to be analytical, *minsan yung konting bagay parang babaliktarin pa niya... Parang*...

To lighten up.

Oo. But it's funny when I'm the one finding something complicated, he's the one who says, "*Ganito lang yan, eh.*" *Oo nga ano*? (Chuckles)

When you have disagreements, does he use a lawyer's method in arguing?

(Grins) Sometimes!

Naiinis ka ba?

Ah, I become my Sharon self. (Laughs) We're like that, *eh*. We're both headstrong, strong-willed, sometimes stubborn. Being stubborn can be a good thing if you use it correctly. I'm not the type that will sit down... *Pag sinabi mong "Hoy!," "Hoy ka rin!"* (Laughs) But not all the time. Usually we don't make *salubong*. One is quiet first. We've learned over the years. It's usually discussion, then when it gets heated, "*Sandali, sandali,*" *ganyan na kami*. We very rarely fight. The point is, when we fight, we fight. It's interesting to watch us when we're fighting. (Laughs)

Usually about what issues?

Ay, ang babaw! Like schedule... Very *mababaw* things. Nothing major so far, thank God. *Puro mababaw tapos lumalaki*.

Does it get physical?

Ah, never! Me? You cannot get physical with me! (Laughter) I will shoot you! My father told me when I was younger: "The minute a man lays a hand on you, a finger on you, get out. Just come home." Because it can only get worse *daw*.

How about throwing things?

Sometimes when I'm *ano*... Kiko also. (Laughs) Like *unan*, but not at each other. Never at each other.

But the shouting matches *talagang meron*?

Meron, oo. Ang bibigat pa naman ng pinto dito, pag nagbagsakan... (Laughter) It's normal, *eh*! *Ang* boring *naman kapag wala*.

Ang mamahal pa naman ng babasagin.

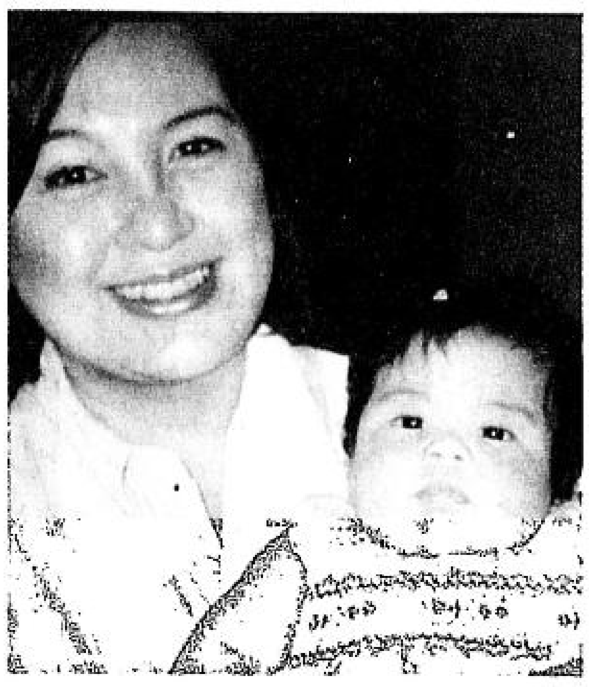
Ay, nangyari yan sa akin. "Kasi ganito, ganyan!" (Pretends to pick up an object) "*Ay, huwag ito, mahal. Eto na lang!*" (Laughter) Because you have to remind yourself, after this *pagsisisihan mo*. But it's not often. *Bihira yung maggaganyan ka*. I think it's just venting, *eh*.

Are you doing any concerts anytime soon?

Before the year ends. Hopefully with an orchestra like Martin's. CCP maybe. But we're still fixing all the details. About three weeks before I found out I was pregnant, I flew to Hong Kong to record with Andy Lao who's a big, big star all over Asia especially Hong Kong. He's a huge superstar. And we did a music video. This is in preparation for my first Asian release album with BMG. I have already recorded several songs produced by Ryan but among all the songs, only two are by Ryan. The rest are by Americans, two are by Jim Brickman. Before we could finish the album I learned I was pregnant so I couldn't really promote that thing with Andy. But it's been released on VCD. I'm going to release my Viva album of '80s revivals hopefully next month. After that we'll finish the BMG album. So it's gonna be pretty busy. But I'm really happy because I can bring my baby with me. She comes with me, *eh*.

***Pag may* guest *ba na nahihirapan kayong kunin*, do you sometimes call personally?**

No. Because they already know it's my show. The only one I really made *kulit* was FPJ but he doesn't like to come out on TV yet. This was before pa the *gulo*. And it's because he's my friend. I wouldn't have done it *kung di ko siya kaibigan*. I mean, really good friend, not friend-friend... When they know already it's my show and they decline, (I) don't push it. They knew *na nga* that it's mine, they probably have a good reason. That's okay.



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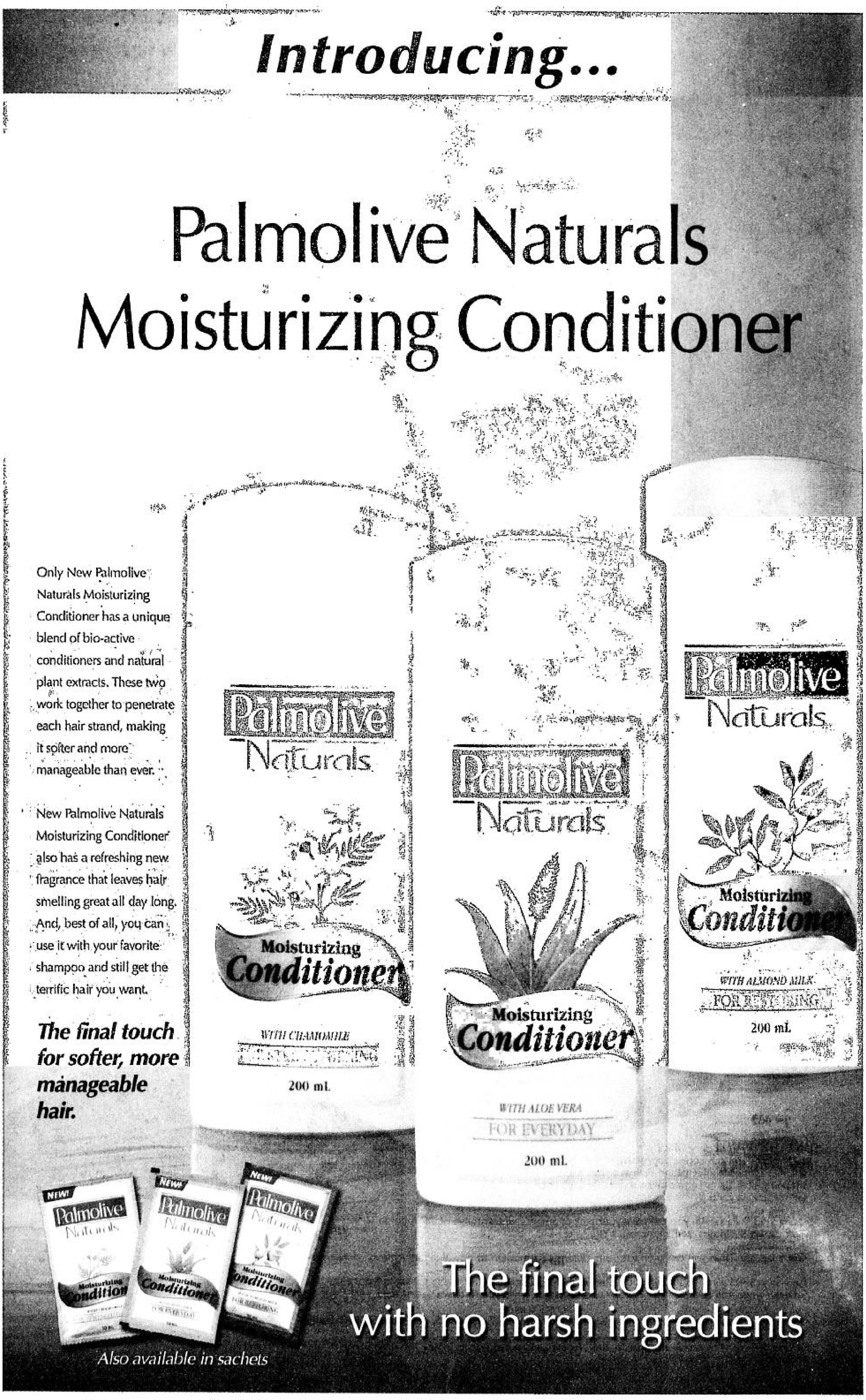

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By Donnie C. Ramirez

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So when Steve and Wilma marked their wedding anniversary, it was expectedly held in the tropical paradise. Jonathan, along with the couple's three other sons—lawyer Stephen Jr., medic Wilbur and entrepreneur Jerry—made all the preparations—from the unique invitations adorned

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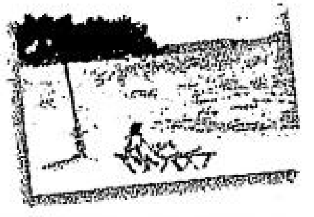

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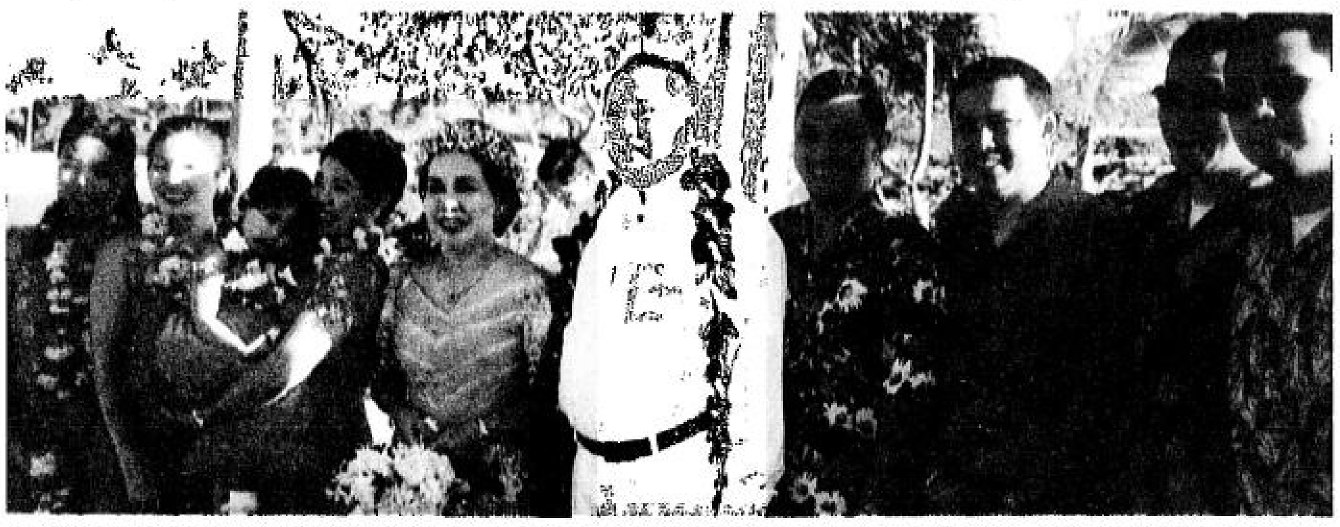

THE COUPLE (center) with their children Grace Cho, Stephanie, Marla and daughter Kathleen, Stephen, Wilbur, Jerry and Jonathan

WILMA with Delmar Magno, Agnes Ver, Becky de Liano, Fatima Balmaceda and Girlie Sunico

WILMA in full Hawaiian ceremonial regalia

Celebrating love in paradise

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with dried twigs and silk hibiscus to the hotel arrangements and reception.

Steve and Wilma renewed their marriage vows at a beautiful sunset ceremony held at the lagoon lawn garden of the scenic JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa in Oahu, a 40-minute drive from bustling Waikiki. Amid a postcard-pretty setting of palm trees and wild hibiscus, Steve and Wilma once more pledged their undying love and devotion for each other.

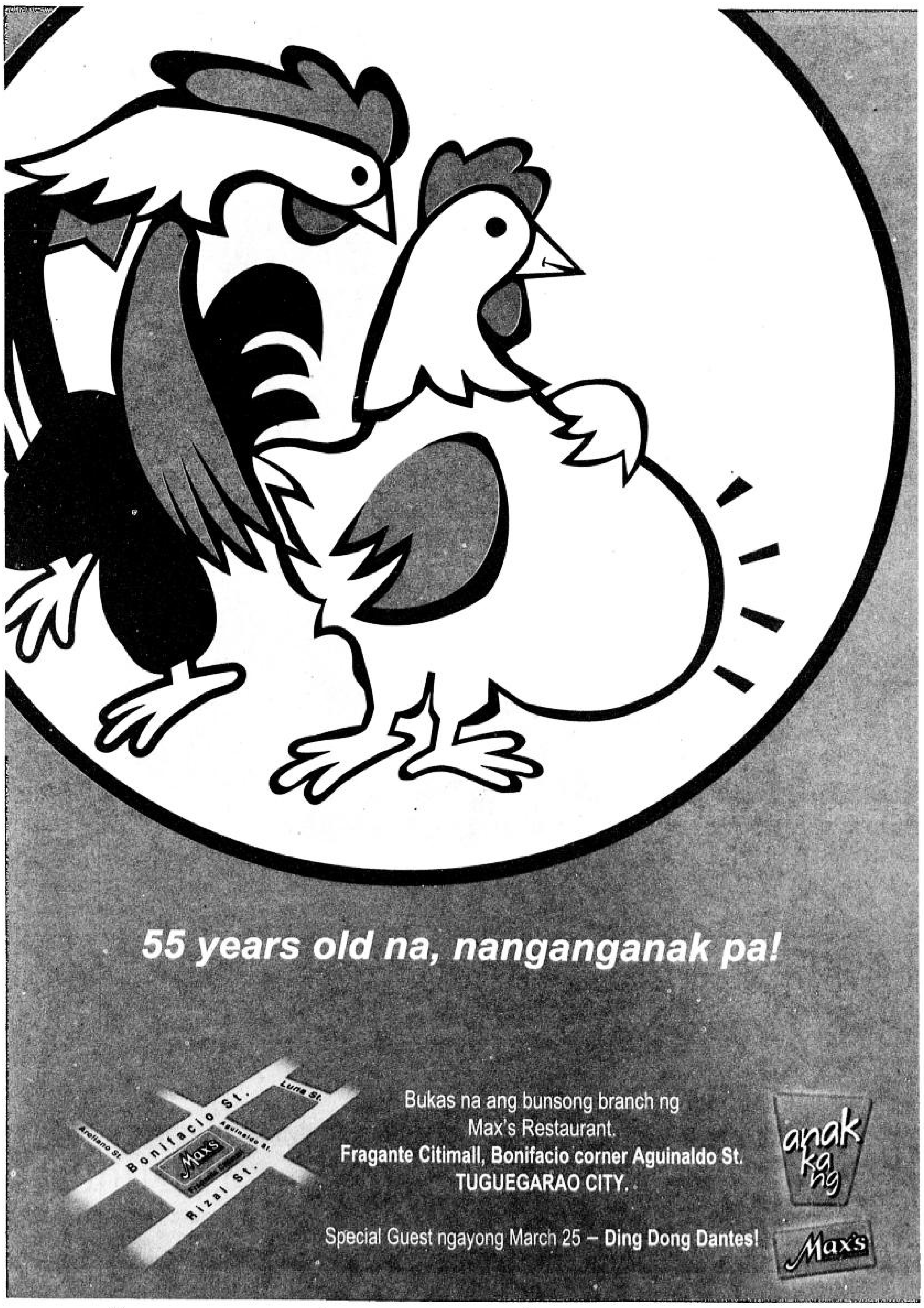
Witnessing the touching rites were principal sponsors Gen. James Barbers, Capt. Soli Ignacio, Reggie Muñoz, Lucito Amoranto, Paco Gomez de Liano, Janet Garcia, Claudette Dizon, Sally Maliwanag, Rosalinda Cuyong and Geny Tan. The rites were officiated by Fr. Larry Toledo, a longtime family friend. Hawaiian singer Keohe serenaded the couple after the rites.

An authentic luau followed at the nearby Paradise Cove. The guests were treated to traditional Hawaiian cuisine and entertainment. Native dancers reenacted the time-honored fishing ritual called O'oihe and performed the Imu ceremony where a pig was roasted in a pit. Tropical cocktail concoctions like *mai tai* and *piña colada* flowed endlessly while the guests feasted on a buffet of Hawaiian dishes that included the obligatory *poi*.

Steve wore the traditional ceremonial attire called *maile*, while Wilma donned a Hawaiian-inspired creation of couturier Steve de Leon complete with a *hakulei* headdress made of fresh Hawaiian blossoms. The couple's daughters-in-law, Marla Palmares and Stephanie Lim, and Stephen's fiancée, Grace Cho, who were secondary sponsors, were in red gowns with floral appliqués designed by QC designer Boying Estaquio. Four-year-old Kathleen Palmares Sarino, the couple's only grandchild, was the flower girl.

For Steve and Wilma's friends who flew in from Manila, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Wisconsin, and especially for their four sons, it was well worth the months of frantic preparations. It was truly a happy event in paradise that laid witness to four decades of married life filled with bliss and blessings. Aloha!

ANNIVERSARY couple Wilma and Steve Sarino



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Spearheading the group of lecturers is Carmen Prieto, decorative arts teacher at the Ayala Museum, who has been a pioneer in teaching decoupage, stencil, decorative painting, antiquing and others, She is also the founding chair of the Guild of Decorative Artists of the Philippines. Other lecturers are Maribel Espino, an expert on exotic plants and flowers, and renowned landscape artist Jerome Portofino, who will handle lectures on indoor gardens and home makeovers.

Leaders of various organizations, such as garden clubs and furniture associations, are scheduled to share their fields of expertise. Workshops on basic plumbing, electrical repairs, basic housekeeping, and other home repair and maintenance courses will be offered as well. Product demonstrations will be handled by different paint manufacturers, store suppliers, concessionaires and local practitioners.

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THE COUNCIL of the Laity of Manila in the Archdiocese of Manila will celebrate its 50th foundation anniversary on April 27. The exact date of the foundation is on April 5 but due to its closeness to the Holy Week, the officers and members of the board decided to hold its anniversary celebration on April 27.

The affair will be a simple one to dramatize the significance of the occasion and to give recognition to the important role of the laity in their pastoral and apostolate works in the Church. The theme of the celebration is "The Laity Together with the Clergy and Religious Journeying in the Third Millennium with the Common Mission of Social Transformation."

A thanksgiving Eucharistic Mass will be held at the Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong with His Eminence Jaime L. Cardinal Sin as the main celebrant and homilist. This will be followed by the distribution of citation/recognition awards to deserving lay leaders and workers of the Church from the seven ecclesiastical districts in the Archdiocese of Manila. Fellowship dinner and ballroom dancing will be held at the Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan at 7:30 p.m. after the activities at the Villa San Miguel.

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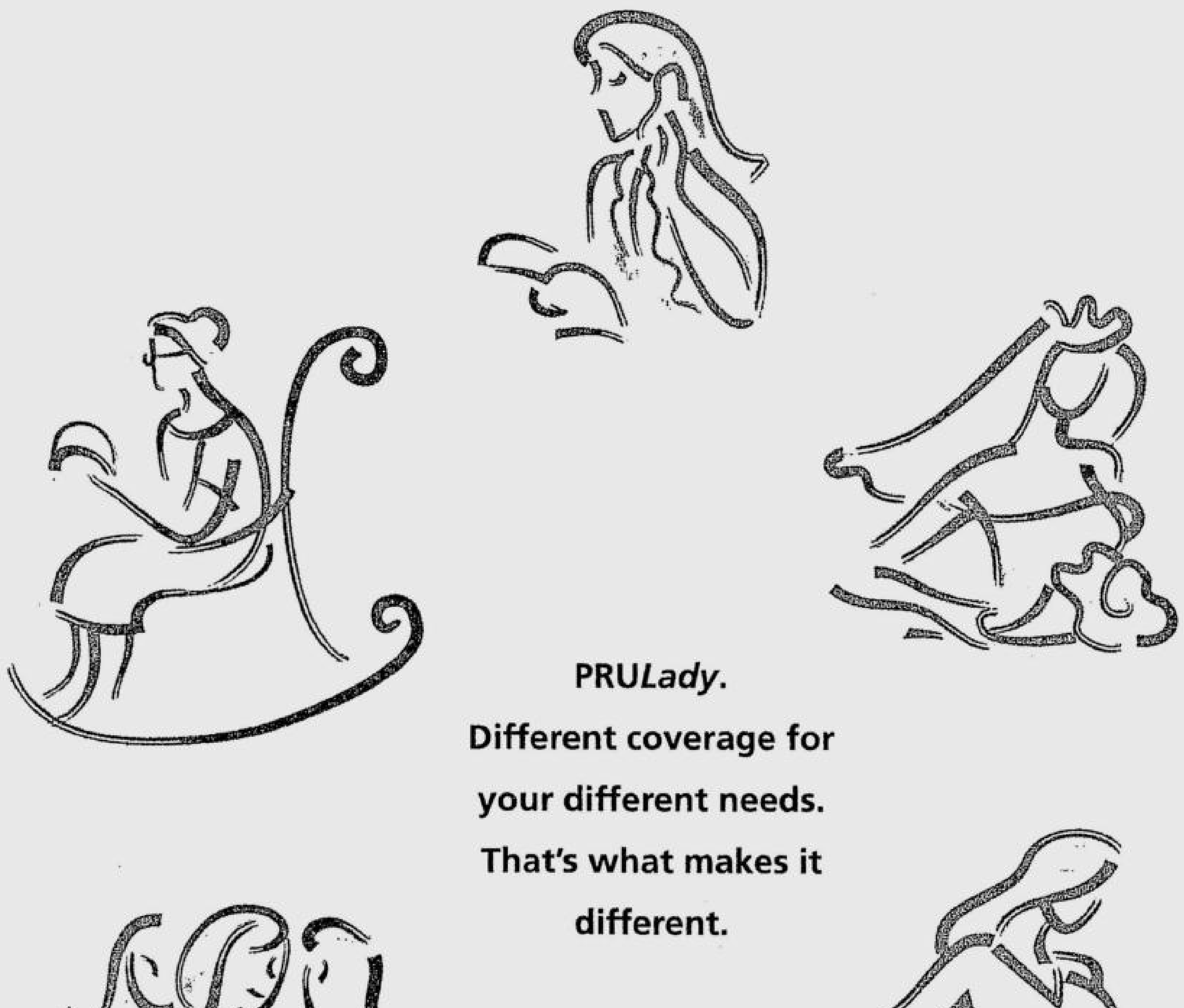

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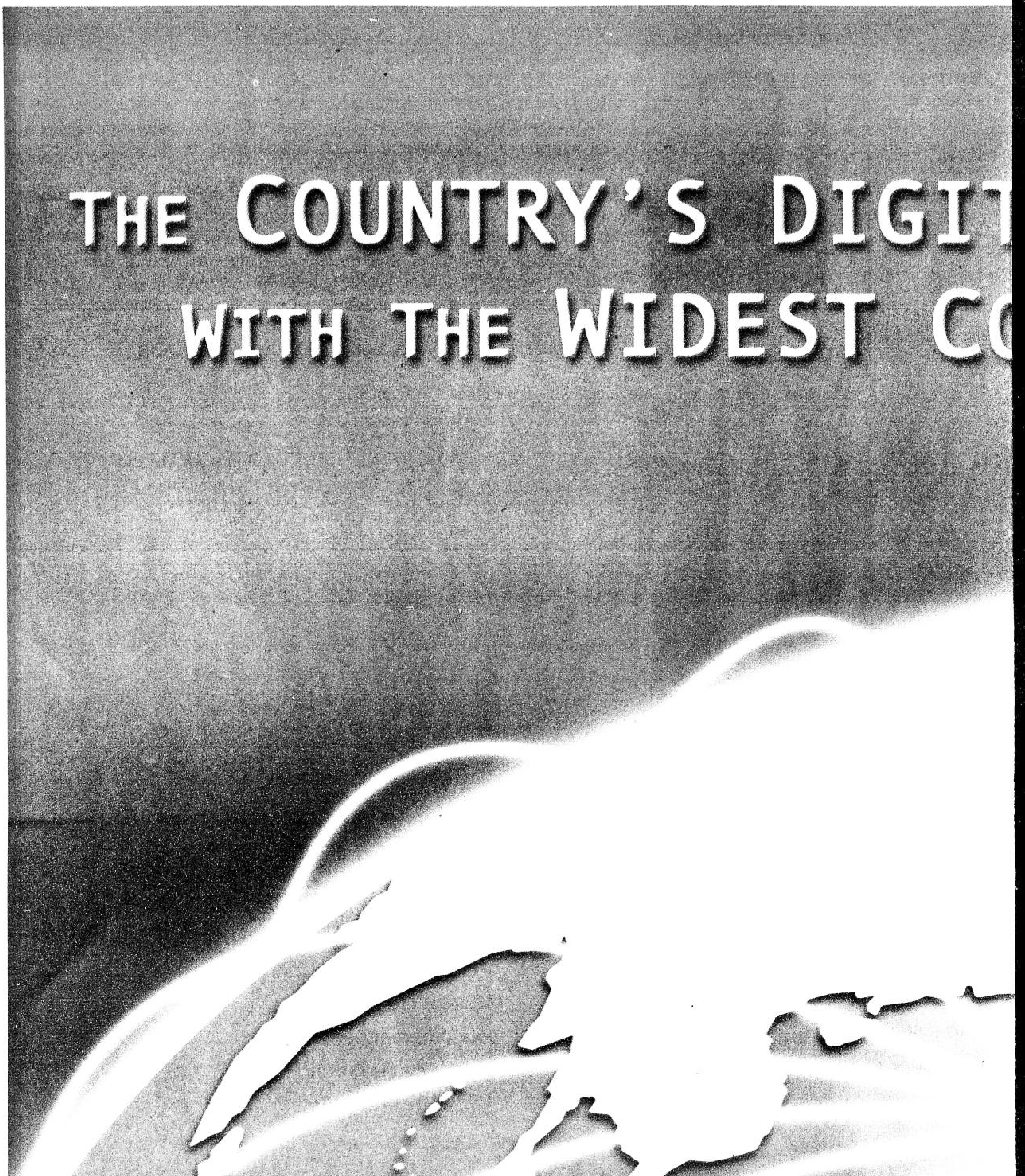
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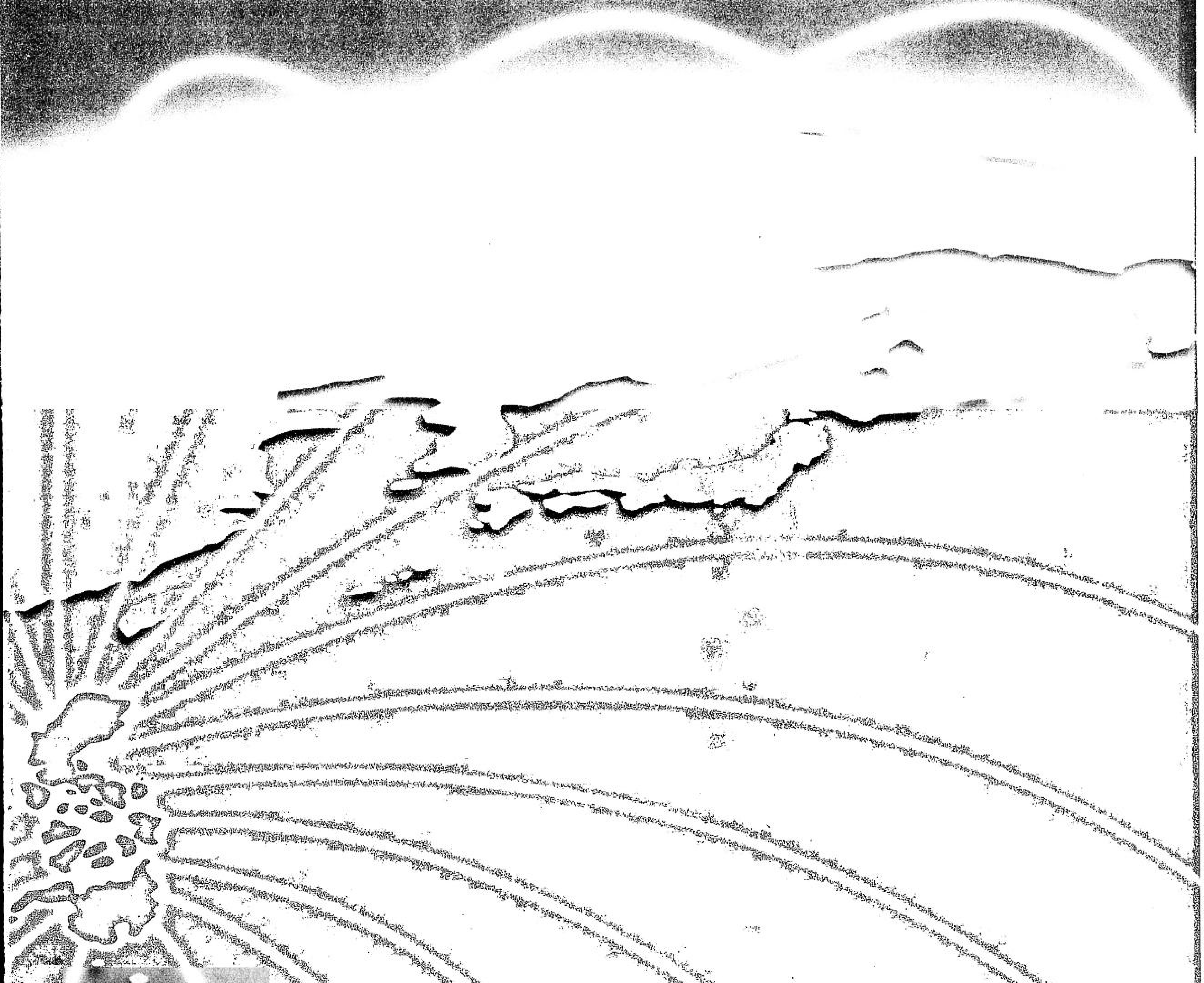

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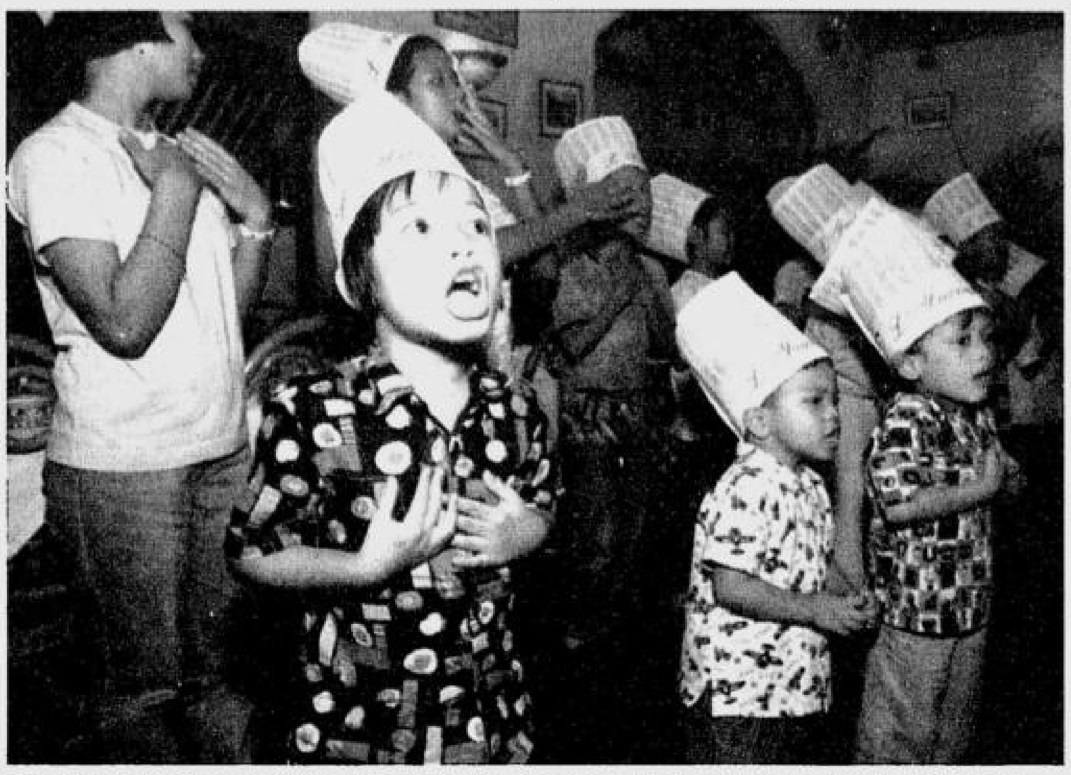

BAHAY ni Maria Foundation street children render a song and dance number for their benefactors, L'Incontro owners Gino and Ma. Linda Martinel. PHOTOS BY BETOY JOHNSON

STREET children from Bahay ni Maria Foundation were treated to a sumptuous Italian lunch by L'Incontro Restaurant owners Gino and Ma. Linda Martinel.

Twenty-six beaming children entered the high-ceilinged and well-lit Italian restaurant at 207 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo), Makati City.

Gino said he would like to give something back to the community through the wards of Bahay ni Maria Foundation. "I would like to make this a tradition, help in giving them a normal life," he said.

Bahay ni Maria Foundation is an institution caring for less fortunate children from dysfunctional families. It gives the children free board and lodging, sends them to school and provides them spirituality.

The Foundation tries to provide the children opportunities to learn social graces. "We try to give them a regular life," Carmela Borres, BMF executive director, said. Regular life in the shelter, according to Borres, means eating on time, sleeping on a proper bed, receiving care, attention and affection, which the children do not get from their parents.

The youngest ward of the Foundation is a 2½-year-old boy, w ho was referred by the Department of Social Welfare and Development after he was found sleeping in a *kariton* (wood cart) with no clothes on. The oldest and longest resident is now a first year college student. Her younger sister stays with her at the shelter house.

To show their appreciation of L'Incontro's gesture, the street children sang and danced for the owners, staff and customers of the restaurant.

L'INCONTRO owners share not only good food with the street children from the Bahay ni Maria Foundation but also a good laugh.

He constantly hurts her feelings but still she longs for him

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

I'm 25 years old, a professional and currently helping my parents with our business. I met Ariel six years ago and we started to build our dreams together since then. We eventually got intimate and I never regretted what happened between us. It was the most wonderful feeling I've experienced in my whole life. I felt complete and important. Our relationship became stronger and we became closer.

But Ariel is a chronic womanizer. For the past six years, he has been flirting with so many girls, around nine, I think. I was hurt the first time it happened. I suddenly became very insecure. I felt that I could no longer satisfy him. Our fights were mostly about my insecurity and his complaint that he has no freedom to do anything. I told him that he couldn't blame me since he made me feel this way. But, instead of changing, he continued to flirt with other girls.

Early this year, he left for Singapore to work. But after three weeks he came back. He told me that he can't live there alone, and that he'll just look for a job here. I really don't know what went wrong but after two weeks he asked for a cool-off. I agreed believing that he just needs time to be with himself. But after a few days, he courted Bianca. Then he asked me to see him and we had sex.

Bianca found out what happened and she made him choose. It's very hard to accept that Ariel dumped me. But in spite of that, we still went out without her knowledge.

Right now, I feel very alone and hurt. I miss him so much. There were times that I would like to go out, but I have no one to turn to. All my friends are busy with their own lives. My family doesn't know anything about my predicament because I don't want them to worry. Call me a fool but I'm always happy when I'm with Ariel.

Friends tell me that someone better will come along and that I should go out and enjoy. But with whom?

I'll be starting on a new job next week and I hope it will help me forget. As much as possible I don't want to hear anything about him again because I know I will just be affected. But recently, one of his officemates told me he's having troubles again. I really wanted to help him. I'm very confused. If God will grant me one wish, I wish to be with him again.

I need answers to all the questions in my mind.

RHAIN

Sometimes it is difficult to fathom why many of us would still stubbornly hold on to someone who consistently and intentionally hurts our feelings. They keep doing the things that they know would knock us and we would react, sometimes violently, but in the end, still find no courage to break away from them.

Rhain, you always found yourself going to bed with Ariel even if you knew he was committed to Bianca because you were selfishly trying to fulfill your fantasy of being with him. Ariel, in turn, takes advantage of the opportunity to use you. This is not in any way, as I see it, a worthy relationship. You are burying yourself deeply in an affair that would not even last.

We should always remember that relationships do not rest solely on the ability of our partners to sexually satisfy us or make us feel important. These elements may be present even without genuine love and respect, which happen to be more important than the first two.

What we feel may not necessarily be a result of a fact but just an illusion we have fabricated in our minds. You felt complete and important when you were with Ariel. But you were just an object of his desire. I don't think he really had any regard for what you feel.

Rhain, you can want Ariel all your life and grow old waiting for him or you can stop this illusion and face reality. There can only be today but no tomorrow with a man like him. You can make it on your own. Give yourself a little respect and move on without Ariel. It is you, and not him, who should be in control of your life. Be strong and let true love and not just fleeting moments of pleasure be your guide in your search for a lasting relationship.

E-mail the author at joe@ailink.net.

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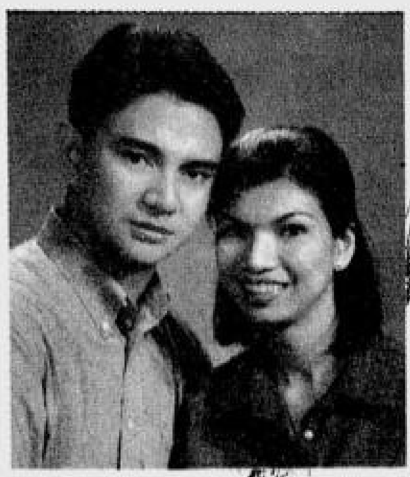
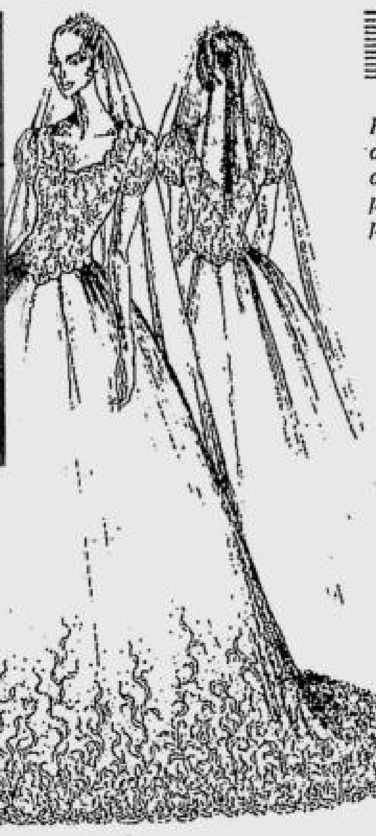
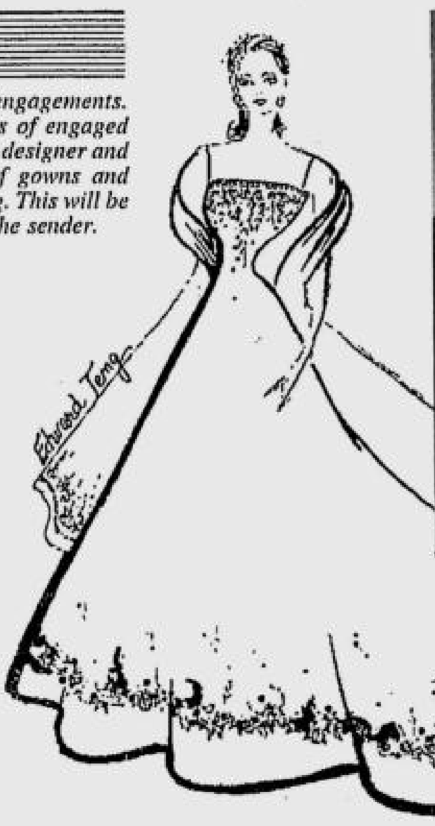




CATABAY-VICTOR

Pablo Boiet M. Catabay, son of **Nick** and **Estrelita Catabay**, will wed **Nadia I. Victor**, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Virginia Victor**, on May 5 at St. John The Baptist Parish Church, Taytay, Rizal. Reception will follow at Club Serene Heights, Cabrera Road, Taytay. **Gener Gozum** created a princess-cut silver-white gown for the bride.



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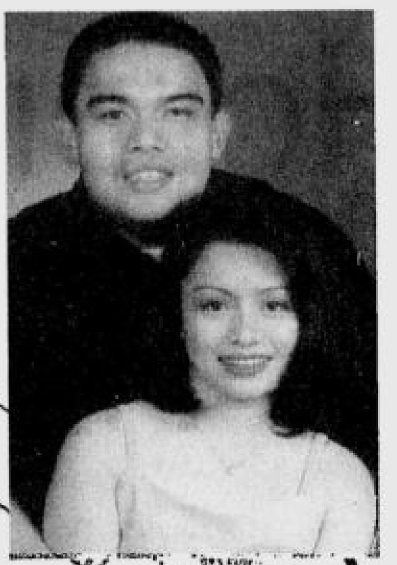

Roel Pastorfide, son of engineer **Rodolfo** and **Esperanza Pastorfide** of Quezon City, and **Marites Canlas**, daughter of **Saturnino** and **Mercedes Canlas** of Manila, will exchange "I do's" on May 12 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at Ramon Magsaysay Center, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

The bride will wear an **Edward Teng** gown. Her entourage will wear gowns in powder blue and silver motif.

MATANGUIHAN-LOPEZ

Saymond Matanguihan, son of **Jose** and the late **Maria Rita Matanguihan**, will wed **Joanne Lopez**, daughter of **Augusto** and **Josefina Lopez**, on March 31 at Our Lady of Remedios Parish (Malate Catholic Church). Reception will follow at Pandanggo Hall, Manila Hotel.

Ben Farrales created the gowns of the bride and her entourage.

GONZALES-PATRIANA

Lawyer **Romy Gonzales**, son of **Encarnacion vda. de Gonzales**, and **Maribeth Patriana**, daughter of **Glen** and **Elizabeth Patriana**, recently tied the knot at the Sta. Rita Parish Church, Philam Homes, QC. Reception followed at the ballroom of Hotel Rembrandt.

VILLAMIN-SERAFIN

Winston P. Villamin, son of **Oscar** and **Cora Villamin** of Valenzuela City, and **Sheila Enriquez Serafin**, daughter of **Lourdes Enriquez-Serafin** of Zamboanga City, were wed on Feb. 24 at the St. Ignatius de Loyola Parish Church, Tetuan, Zamboanga City. Reception followed at the La Vista del Mar Beach Resort. Winston and Sheila are both graduating medical students at the Far Eastern University College of Medicine.

BRUCE-TORDECILLA

Dennis Ramos Bruce, son of **Amado** and **Eufrocina Bruce**, and **Maridol Leyba Tordecilla**, daughter of **Leonardo** and **Lolita Tordecilla**, will exchange marriage vows on April 20 at the Nuestra Señora Parish Church, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City. It will be officiated by Rev. Fr. **Vic Amplayo**. Reception will follow at the Makati Shangri-La.

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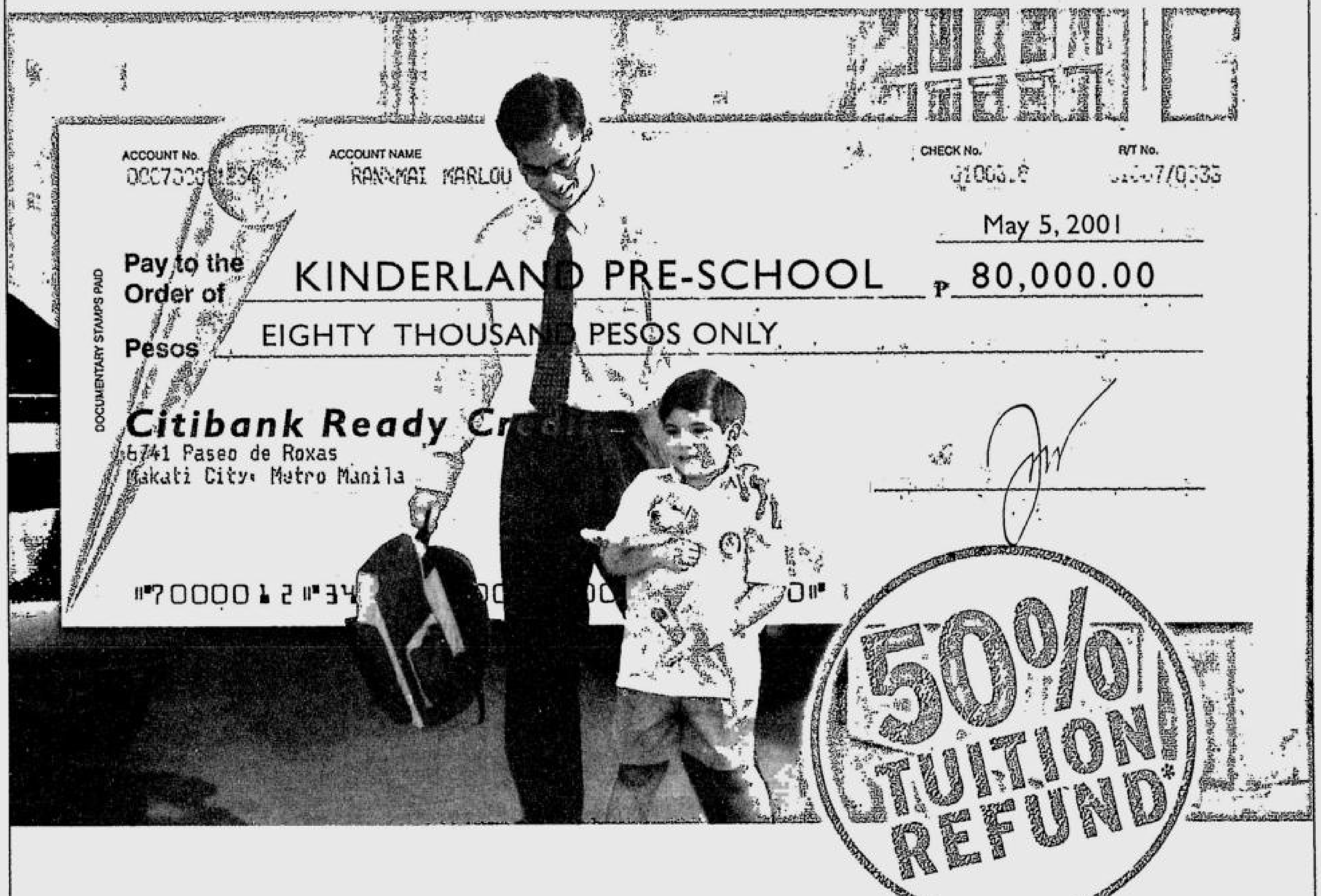

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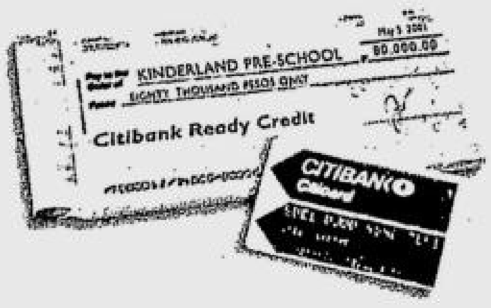

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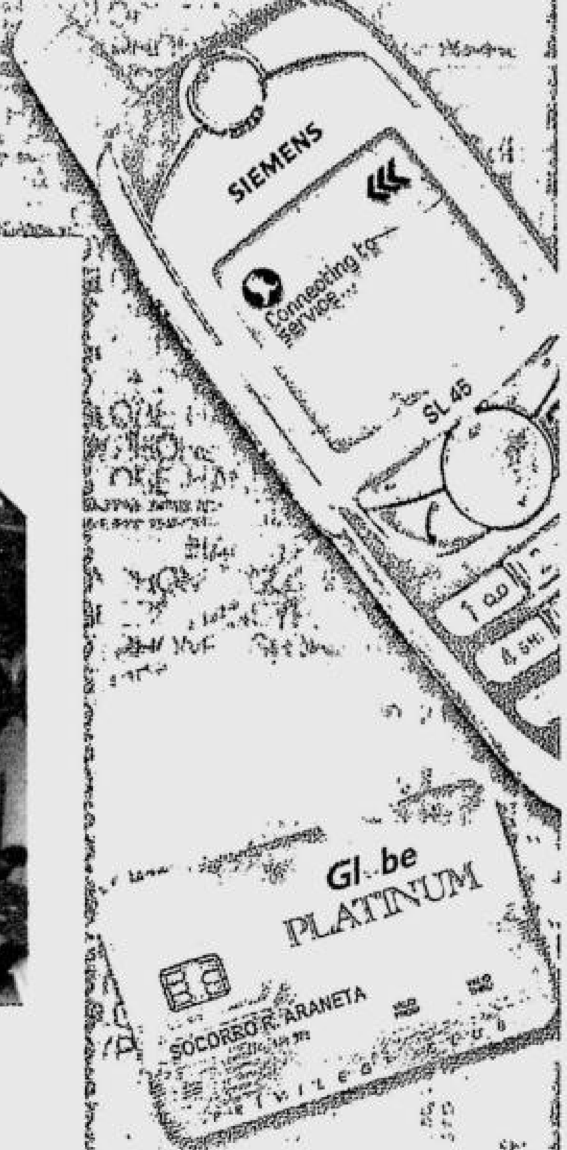
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Socorro is used to a very fast-paced lifestyle. "Whatever project is thrown to me, I readily accept because **with my Globe I can hold office wherever I am** sent," she reveals.

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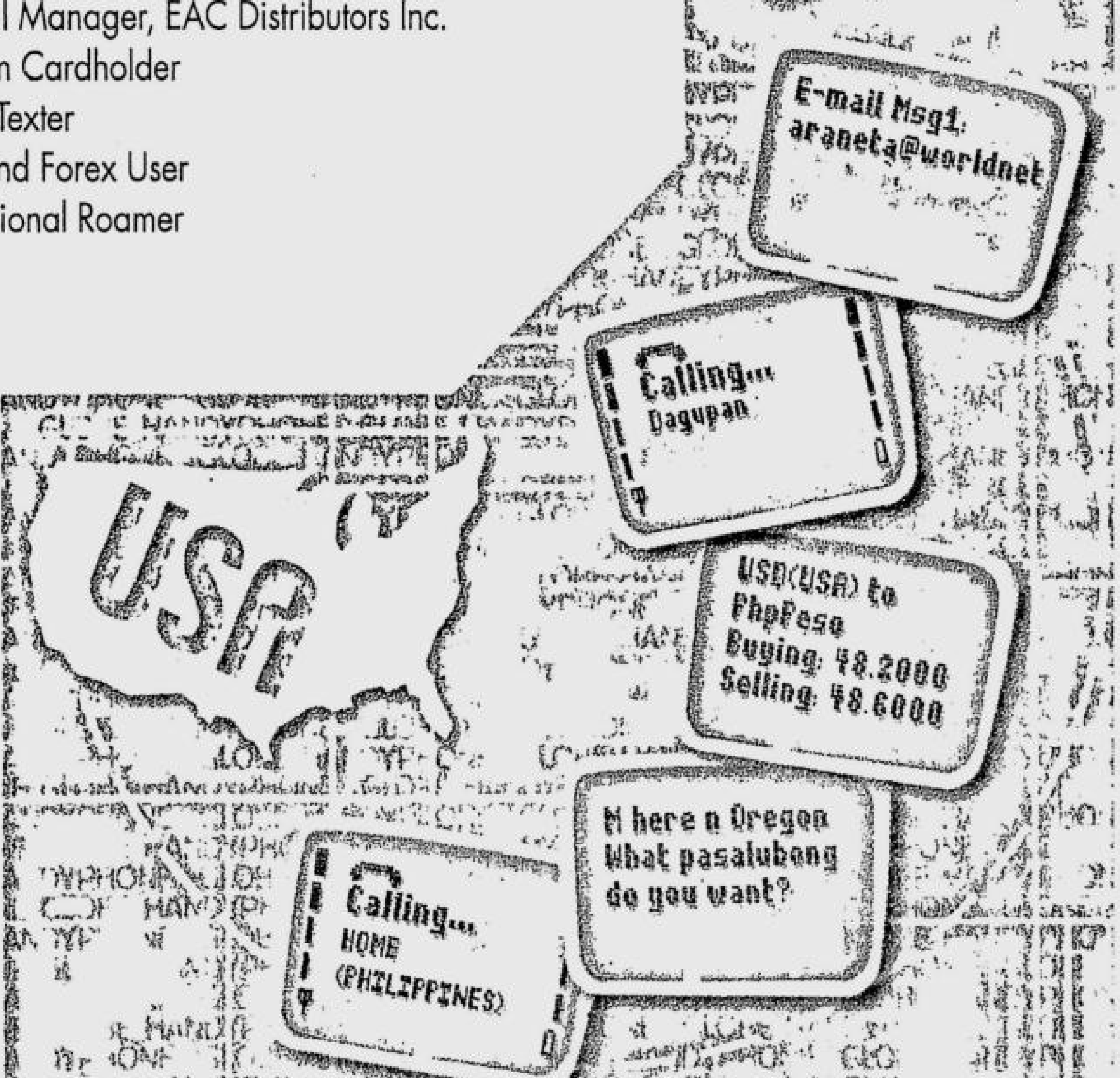
Now as General Manager of EAC, Socorro gets more **foreign assignments.** Thus, she benefits from **International Roaming (IR)** activation a lot. She claims: "Whichever country I visit, **Globe always has a partner provider.** I can just **text or receive text to save on overseas calls**–unless the message requires discussion. Of course, my **regular forex advisory** helps when I shop for *pasalubong*."

A **Platinum subscriber**, Socorro appreciates the **first-rate customer service** accorded her by her regular account executive. "Like, for IR activation, what I just do is text to advise her. She'd respond right away. When I went to Oregon last January, since their network was not GSM, she arranged to have **a tri-band phone lent to me** since I don't own one yet. And it was delivered two days ahead of the scheduled trip–**hassle-free!**"

Globe makes her transactions memorable as well. "Just recently, received an invite to a formal dinner. I begged off telling them it's a special day for me. So I wouldn't totally miss the event, what the account executive did was bring me a cake. I don't even know how they found out it was my birthday! It was totally unexpected!" she beams.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Luisita beckons

The Cojuangco property is undergoing a metamorphosis from a sleepy farm to a sprawling industrial and commercial complex, complete with a hotel that initiates one to the graciousness of 'hacienda' living

PEACEFUL SOLITUDE. Decades-old Our Lady of Fatima Church in the sugar central

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA
PHOTOS BY MIKE ALQUINTO

HACIENDA Lusita has forever been synonymous with two things—the Cojuangco clan and its vast sugar plantation. Longtime residents of Tarlac still refer to the 6,000-plus hectare property as the Central whose origins date back to 1957 when Jose Cojuangco Sr. and Sons acquired Hacienda Luisita from Tabacalera. The sugar refinery was completed in 1964 and for the longest time, sugar milling was its main business.

Today, Hacienda Luisita has evolved into an industrial, commercial and residential area. Two technoparks, central Luzon's first integrated shopping and multicinema complex, and a golf and country club all make their home in Hacienda Luisita. Its latest addition is a relatively small and charming hotel that boasts of warm, *hacienda*-style hospitality and surprisingly five-star amenities. Central Park Hotel, Hacienda Luisita's newest resident, makes for an ideal stop-over for families on the way to Baguio, young families looking for a short break away from the city or for avid golfers eager to conquer new fairways on a fabulous course designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr.

Park in the Central

Driving to Tarlac one weekend, I was initially apprehensive of what to expect from this new hotel. Though my husband had stayed at the hotel a couple of weeks earlier for a business conference and was impressed by what he saw, there was always that male-female perspective thing so I continued to be a bit wary.

Leaving our Quezon City home at 7:30 a.m., we arrived at Hacienda Luisita shortly after 10. Driving past charming Luisita Plaza, and the newly built Aquino Center, we entered the gates of Luisita. Security here is very good. You need to pass through two gates, the guards ask for proper identification before you are finally let into the area that houses the hotel, the industrial park, the sugar mill and the private residences of the Cojuangcos.

From a distance, the hotel itself looks simple and unimpressive. To be honest, it looks like a brand-new modern schoolhouse. Provisions have been made for bougainvillea to crawl up metal railings but until that time when it blossoms (probably next summer), the building itself is very basic.

However, it is when you step into the small but charming lobby that the *hacienda*-style warmth becomes evident. As soon as you step into the cool comforts of the hotel you immediately feel relaxed and welcome. A very lean staff of 13 mans the 39-room, two-story hotel.

Central Park's young and amiable general manager, Jaime Berenguer, tells us that everyone in the hotel has been trained to do multitasking. "It's also because of the leanness of the staff that makes it possible for them to know practically every guest staying in the hotel by name," he proudly says. "We'd like to run it like a home but with first-class amenities—a five-star [hotel] in quality minus the stiffness."

Thus, over here, the warmth is genuine, the smiles natural. One wonders if efficiency is not sacrificed when all rooms in the hotel are occupied. Berenguer tells us they have experienced full house several times during company conferences. "It's an exciting time," he says. "Everyone's on their toes and we really try our best to make sure everything goes smoothly."

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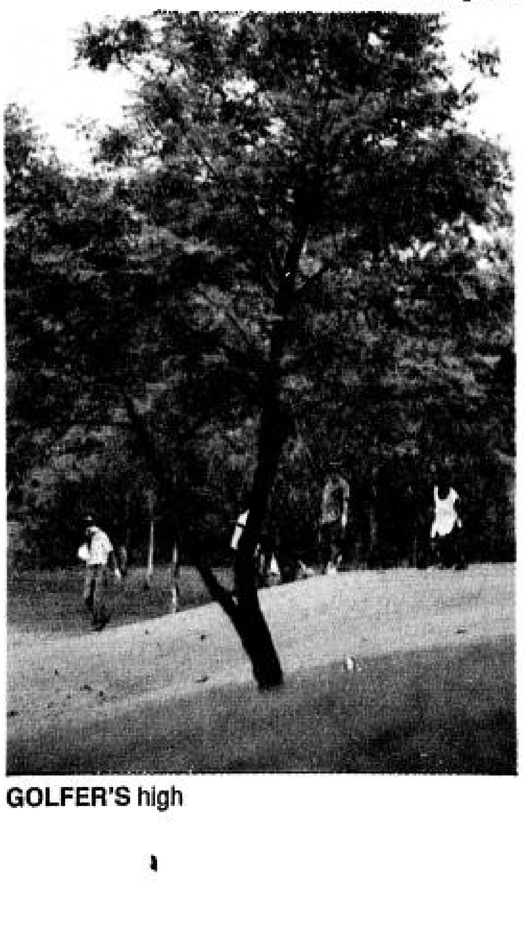

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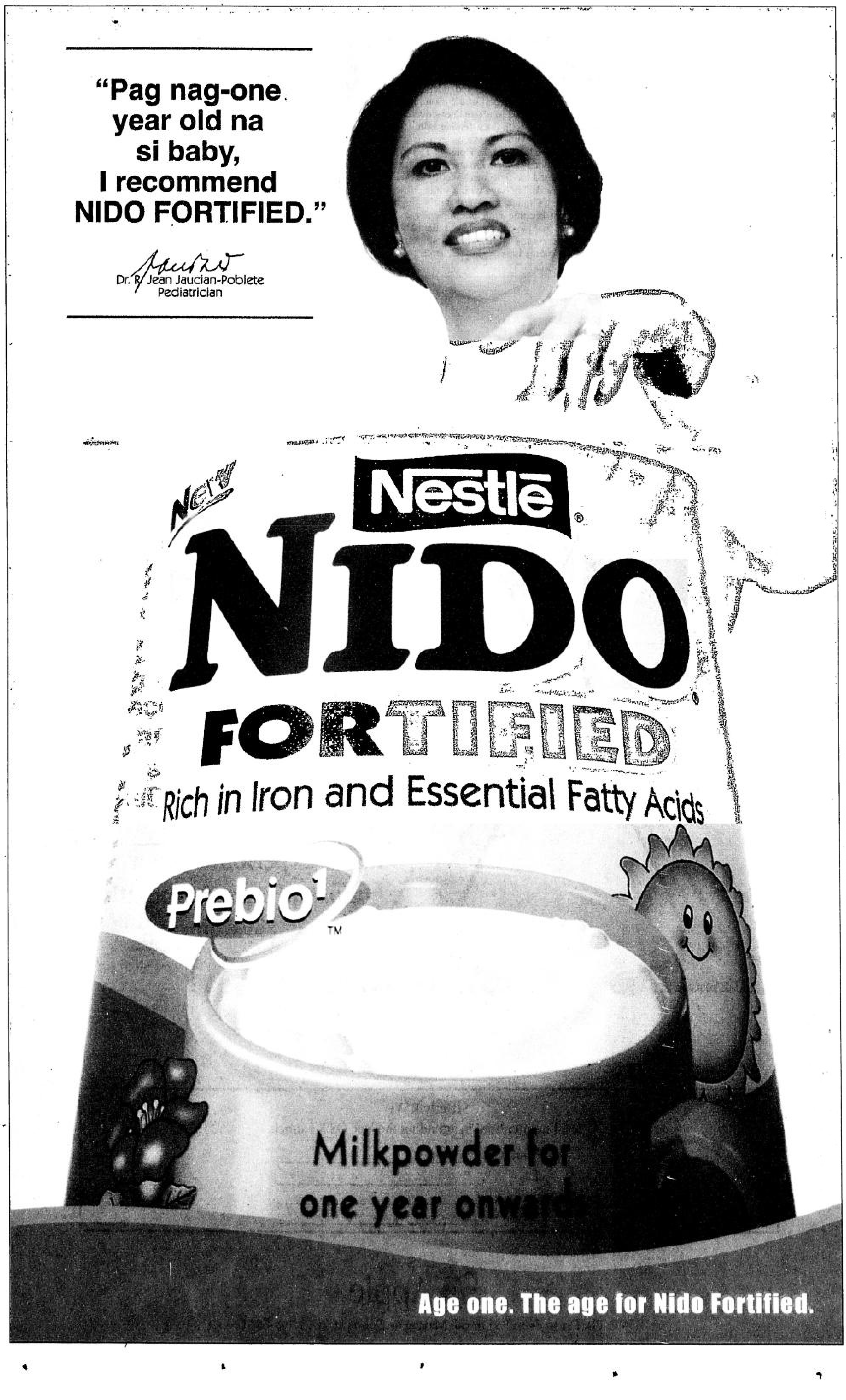

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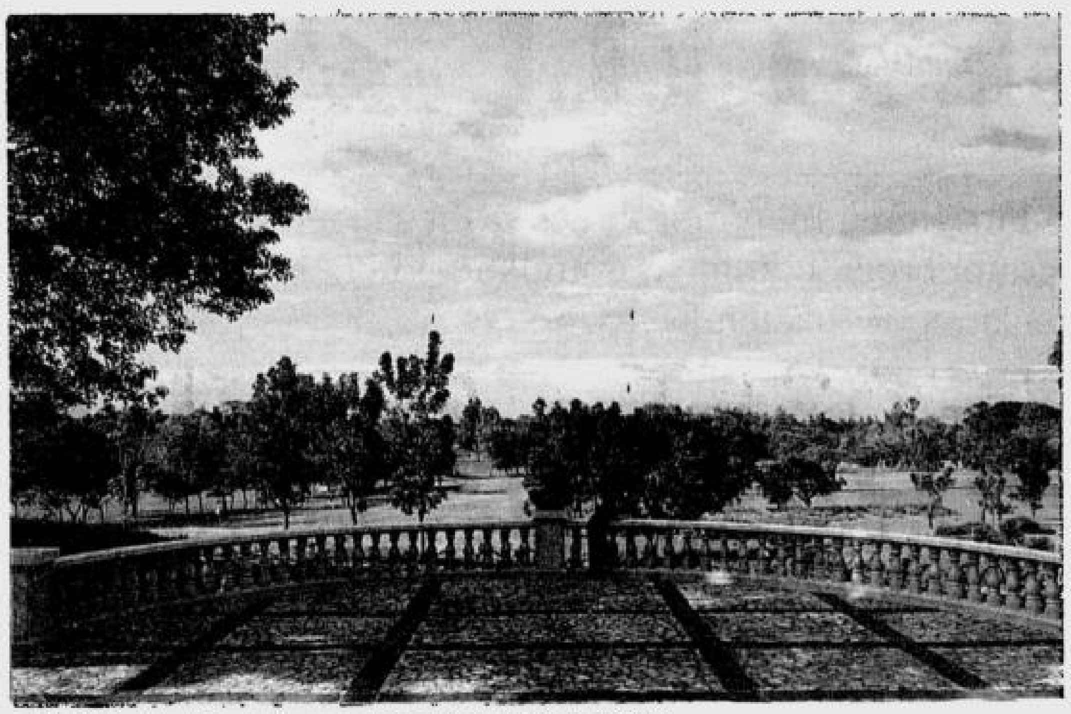
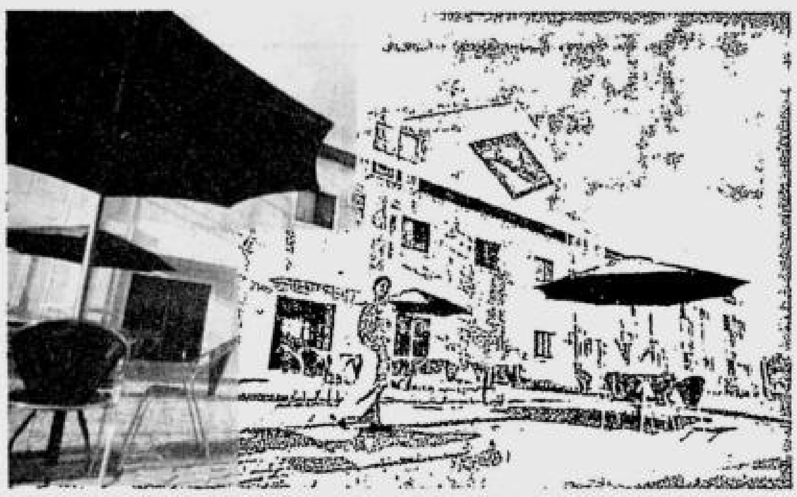


A VIEW that stretches to forever. Balcony at Luisita Golf Club

PLAZA Luisita Mall framed by centuries-old trees



HIGH-END CASUAL. Patio at Central Park Hotel

Luisita beckons

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Beside the lobby is the dining area, Bistro Azucar, run by the same people who own the popular grill and seafood restaurant Coconut Grill, located a few meters down the road from Hacienda Luisita. Right outside it is a small, sunny patio with navy blue parasol-covered tables where people can take lunch or dinner al fresco or sip cocktails early in the evening.

Amenities

The 39 rooms are small, cozy and comfortable, configured with either two double beds or a queen-size bed. A family with two young children would fit comfortably, but larger families would be better off in two adjoining rooms. Being three months old, everything is naturally spanking new and very clean. Rooms are designed very simply, in muted colors of white, beige and black, somewhat Japanese-inspired.

Each room has its own air-conditioning unit, a 21" flat screen color TV with, take note, cable, a fully stocked mini bar and telephones with IDD and DDD. Best part of the room, however, is the bed, which has duck-feather-covered comforters together with duck-feather pillows.

Berenguer, whose previous experience was with the Kowloon Panda Hotel in Hong Kong and Richmonde Hotel in Ortigas, makes sure that materials used are first-rate. "We try to maintain high standards," he says with a smile. However, Berenguer is quick to add that it's "high-end casual—in keeping with the *hacienda*-style atmosphere that the hotel wishes to maintain."

Deluxe rooms come with a bathtub while Superior rooms have a shower. Both types are fitted with, to my surprise, detachable showerheads, which is not usually the norm in provincial hotels. There is, of course, a centralized hot-water system. In addition, the usual laundry, dry-cleaning and pressing services are available and requests may be made for smoking or nonsmoking rooms.

My children immediately felt at home at Central Park. The 10-year-old sank into a chair and read. The 2-year-old surrounded himself with pillows and parked himself in front of Cartoon Network. After an hour though, they were both itching to take a dip in the pool.

The hundred-meter pool is located in the Las Haciendas de Luisita Clubhouse, which is also equipped with a covered tennis court and basketball court. The clubhouse is a five-minute ride from the hotel by car. On weekdays it is open to the public but made exclusive for hotel guests when the hotel is fully booked. There is a small kiddie pool cum jacuzzi where one can sit and soak one's cares away.

Since it is safe in Luisita, biking, hiking or jogging around the Hacienda is a good form of exercise. Just do it very early in the morning or late in the afternoon as the sun can get really nasty between 10 a.m.-3 a.m.

Tours

Arrangements to tour the *hacienda* by car can be made at the front desk but prior arrangements are necessary. On the afternoon we were there, we were able to view the two bustling Technoparks-Luisita Industrial Park, which is Tarlac's first industrial park and Luisita Business Park which caters to all types of business offices. From the technopark, we passed through the various phases of Las Haciendas de Luisita, a golf residential estate located along the fringes and peripheral areas of the golf course.

Each of the phases is named after a daughter of the late Jose Cojuangco Sr., the most notable being that named after former President Cory Aquino. A quick breeze past the fringes of a wall where one can take a glimpse of the private homes of the Cojuangco clan. The weekend we were there, a private boys school was holding a camping trip within the *hacienda* itself.

Past the private homes, we were brought to the sugar central whose administrative offices still are still housed in buildings of Spanish architecture. We were told the buildings date back to the time when Tabacalera still owned the property. It's a good thing the Cojuangco family has managed to preserve these old buildings which have become such a rarity.

At the edge of the sugar central is a quaint decades-old chapel, designed by Jose Cojuangco Sr. and Pacing Calma. It has a unique design such that its steeple seems to appear like it juts out of a rock. Called Our Lady of Fatima Church, it is where, we were told, most of the Cojuangco children and some grandchildren have chosen to get married. Deep in the heart of the Hacienda, it is very private and solemn.

Before heading back to the hotel, we passed by the Aquino Center, a gray marble and glass edifice which is currently in the finishing stages where Ninoy and Cory Aquino's memorabilia will be housed. Last stop was the charming Plaza Luisita commercial center, which is lined by cen-

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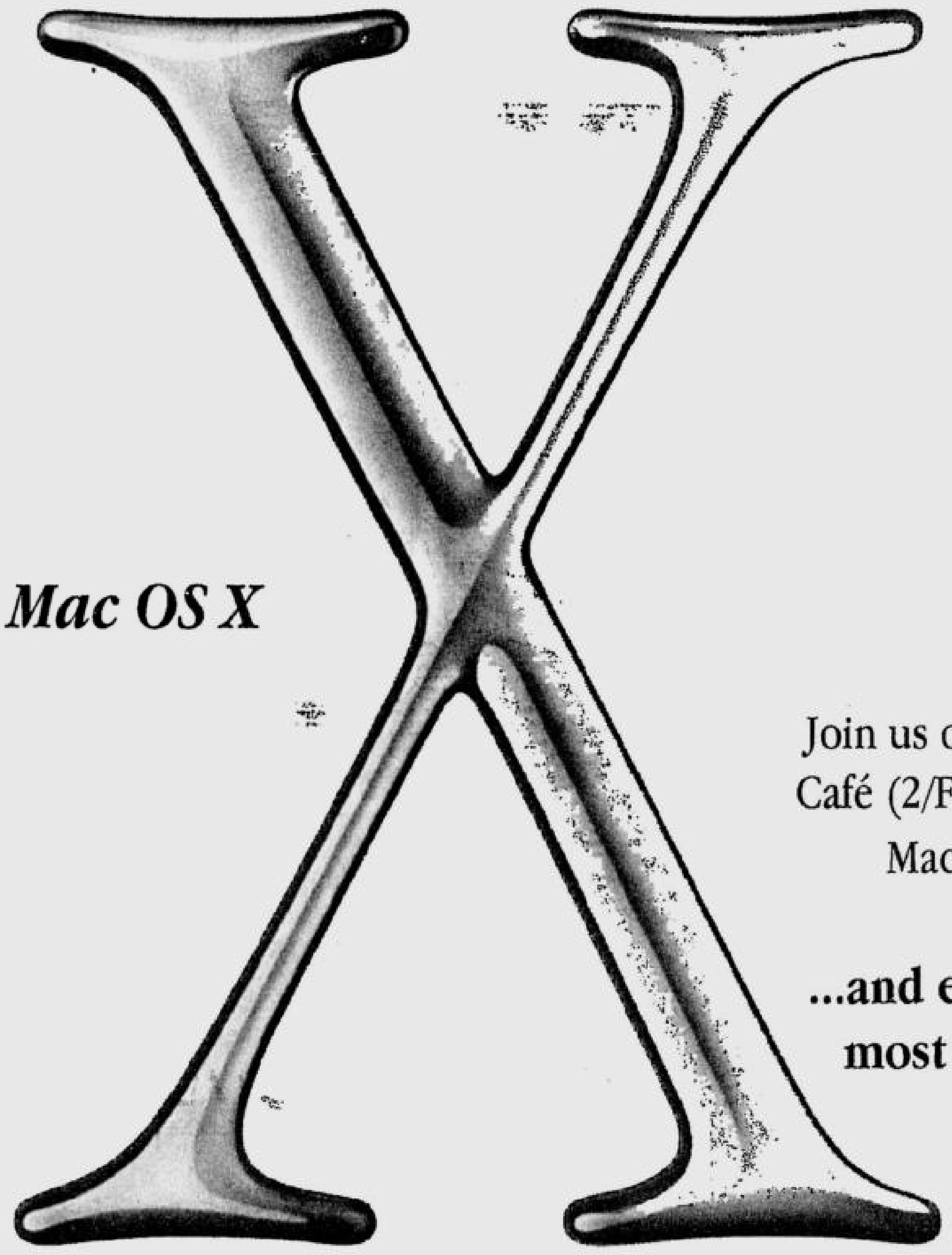

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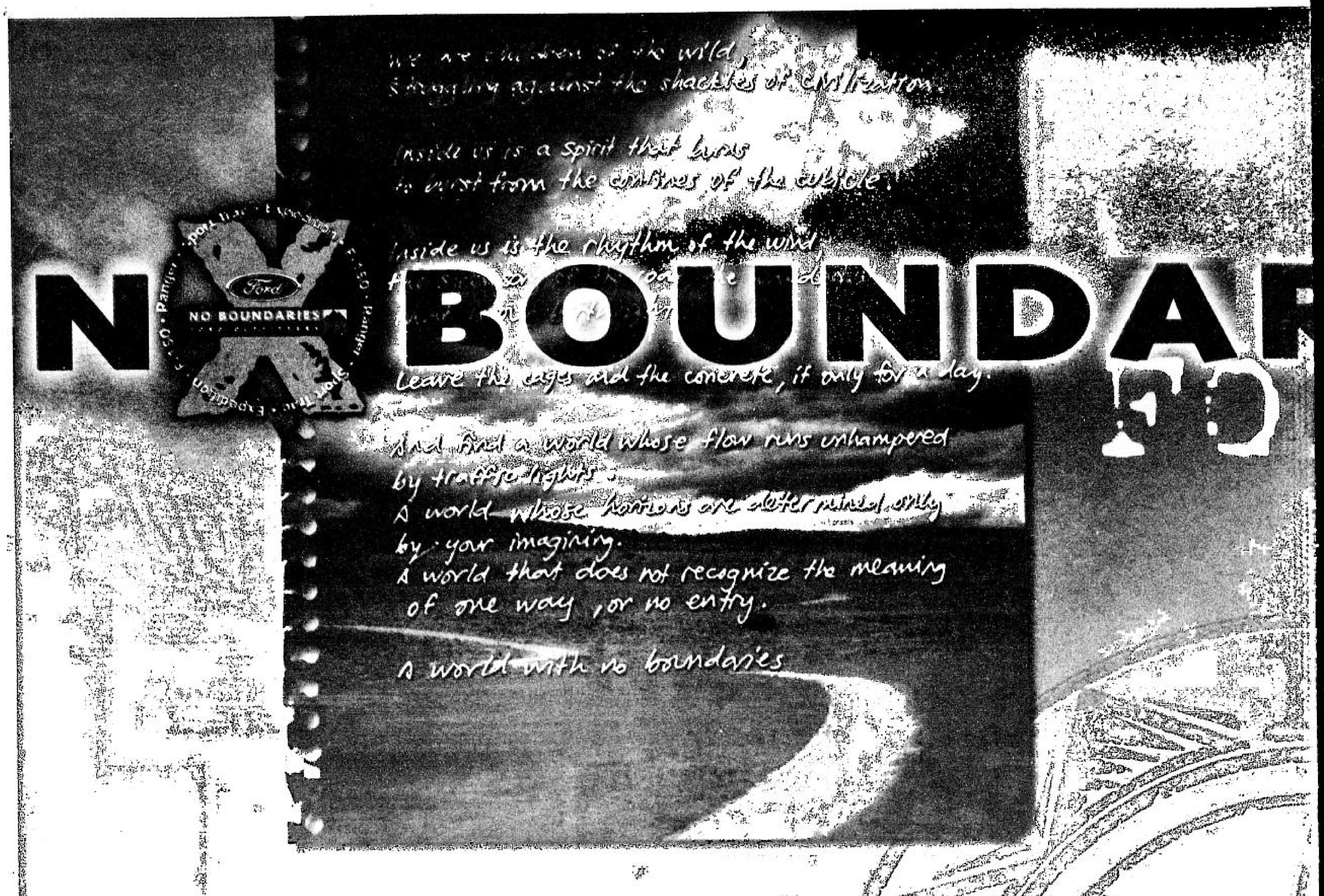
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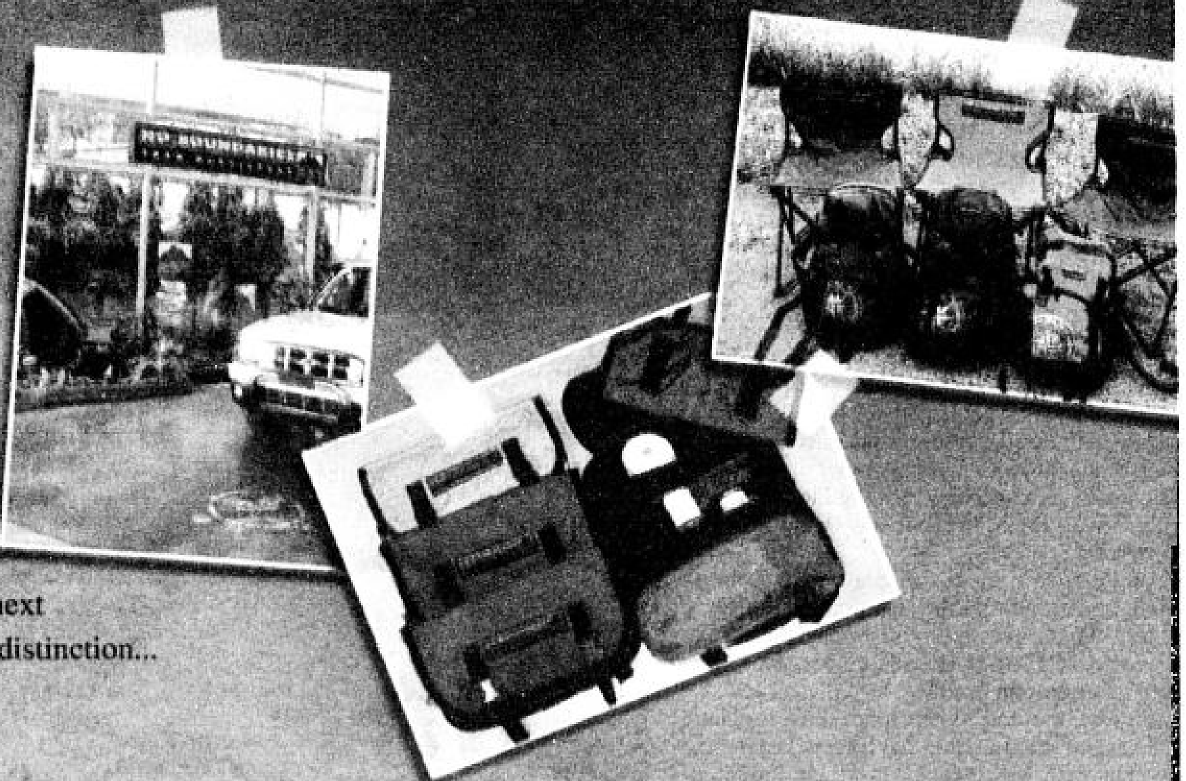

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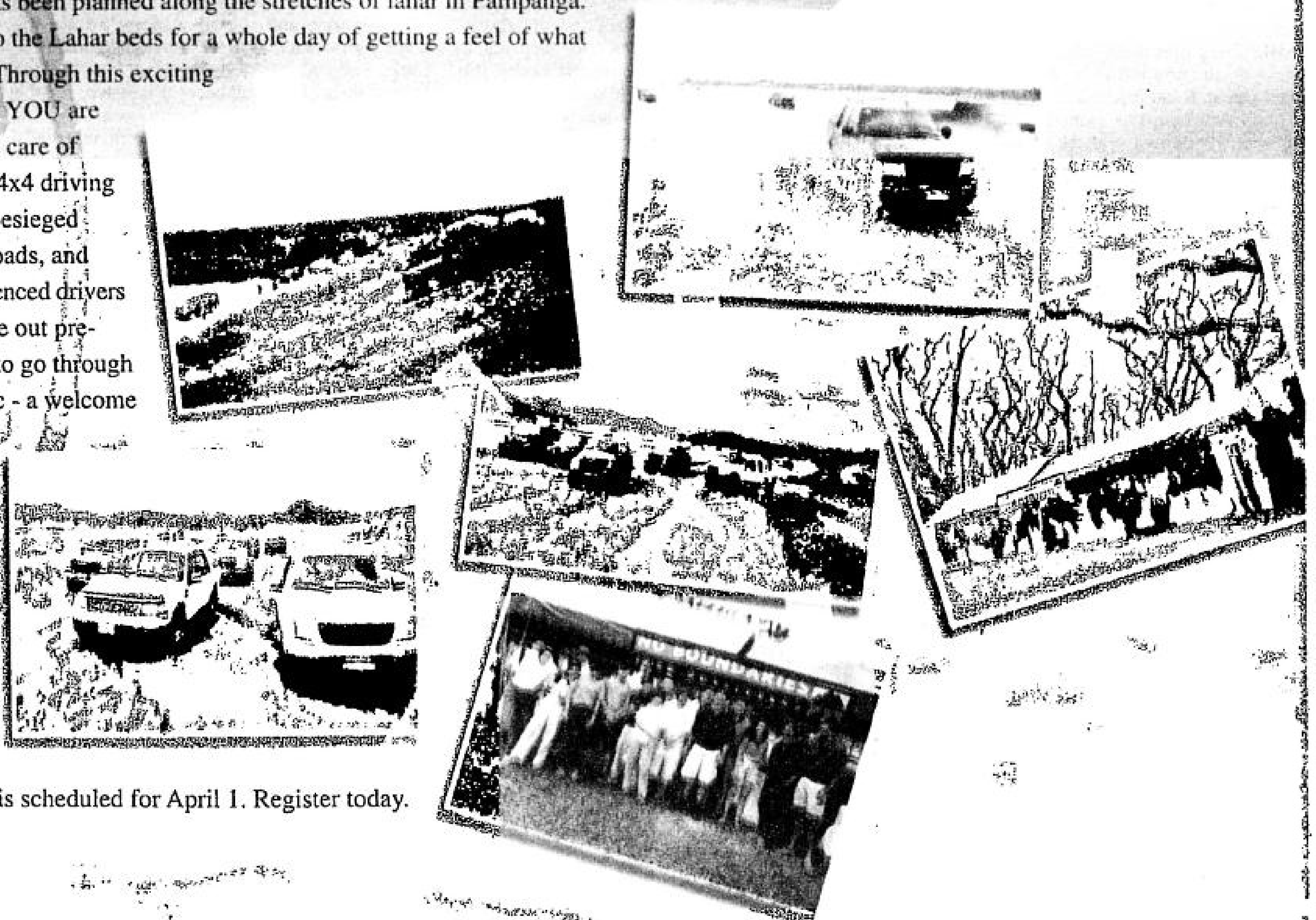

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The No Boundaries - Ford Outfitters Run is available all year round exclusively for Ford 4x4 owners. To register and find out more about the events, call 867-90-99. Only a limited number of slots are available per run. The next event is scheduled for April 1. Register today. This is one experience you wouldn't want to miss!

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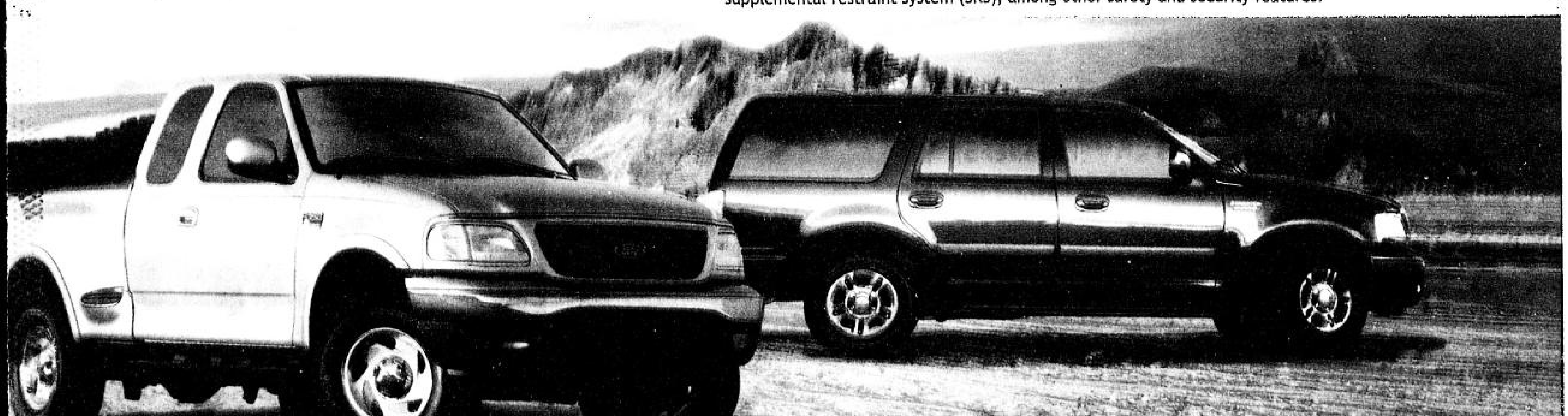
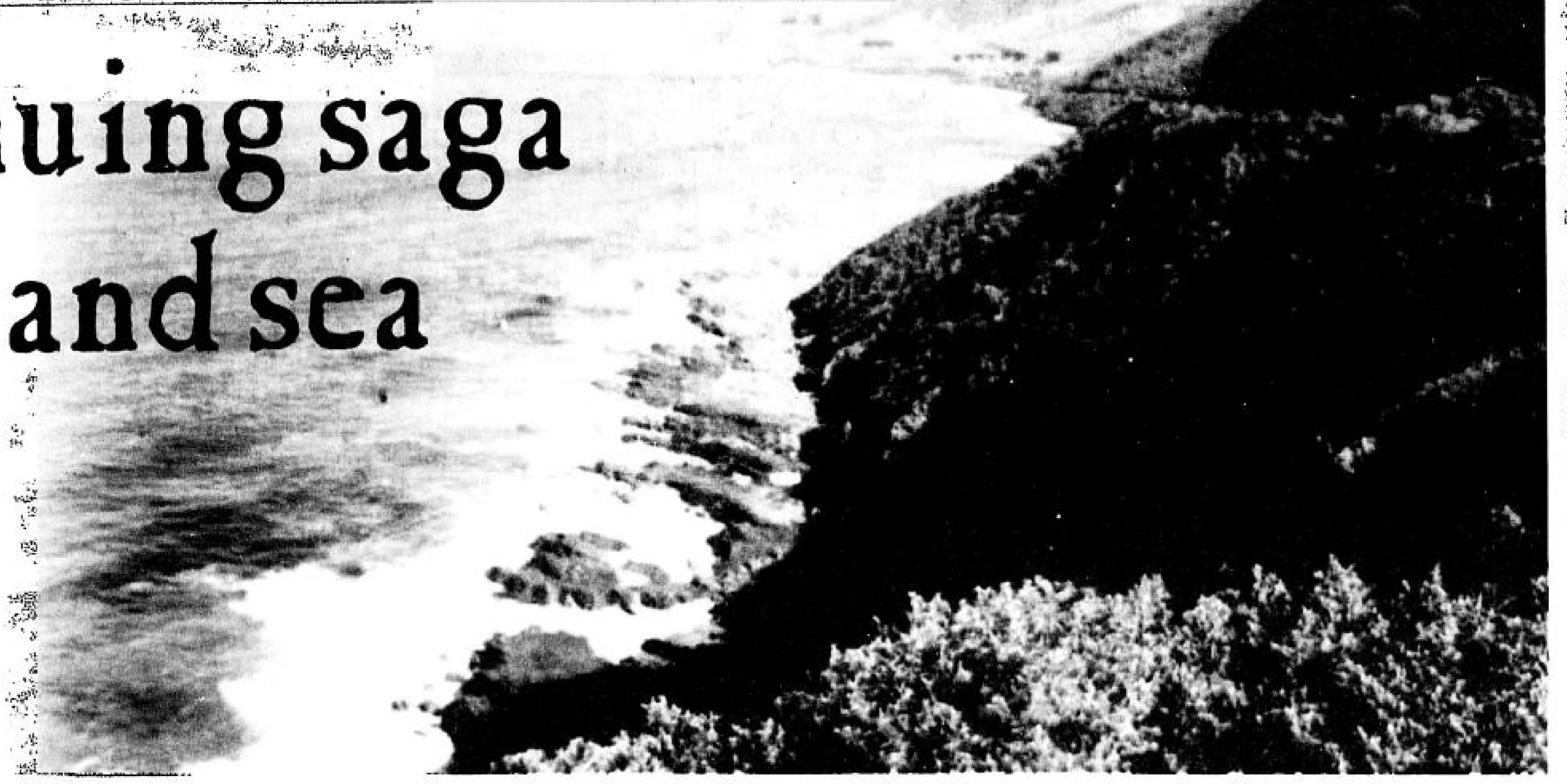


Continuing saga of land and sea



LAND and sea compete for the viewer's attention.

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY ANGELINA G. GOLOY

ITS name suggests, if not contradiction, contrast. The Great Ocean Road, winding along more than 300 kilometers of the southern coast of Victoria, Australia, is a breathtaking showcase of land and sea.

Built during a 14-year period by thousands of returned soldiers as a memorial to the servicemen who died in World War I, the road is lined on one side by the surfs and beaches of the Bass Strait, and on the other, by rugged mountain slopes, gently rolling hills and the forests of the Otway Ranges. Traversing the road, one is constantly caught in a tug-of-war for attention between land and sea. At certain points, the sea literally elevates its case to the land-borne spectator, as waves leap toward the mountain, almost within touching distance of the roadside, crashing into the slopes with enough might to erode any doubt about its supremacy.

While such dramatic displays move one to catch one's breath, the spiritual serenity of pastoral landscapes and whispering rainforests can easily lull one to sweet slumber, especially amid an afternoon drizzle.

Toward the end of the road, however, land and sea, as though joining forces, regale the traveler with vestiges of their eternal competition: incredible limestone rock formations sculpted by nature through years of erosion. Indeed, the best is saved for last.

Among these rock formations are Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, and the most famous of the lot, the Twelve Apostles. They are spread out across the Port Campbell National Park. A 1,750-hectare narrow coastal heath land in a small fishing port town, which became a major tourist destination following the opening of the Great Ocean Road in 1932.

Loch Ard Gorge is named after an English ship that went down near the narrow canyon in the dawn of 1878. Tour guides recount the tragic tale to visitors like a well-loved legend. As the story goes, darkness conspired with the treacherous entrance to Bass Strait, causing the iron-hulled ship to ram into a reef jutting out of the gorge. The impact caused limestone rocks to crash onto the deck, sealing the vessel's fate. Only two of the 54 passengers and crew survived—passenger Eva Carmichael and the apprentice crewman who helped her swim to shore, Tom Pearce. They were both 18. Eva's parents, three sisters and two brothers all died, and only the bodies of her mother and a sister were washed ashore. Eventually, Eva returned to an older brother in England.

Another survivor was a 5-foot-high porcelain peacock, which was to be shown at the Sydney and Melbourne exhibitions. Obviously packed to be shipwreck-proof, the peacock is now displayed at the maritime museum of Warrnambool, the port city where the Great Ocean Road joins the Princes Highway.

THE GREAT Ocean Road Marker is the third to be built after bush fires destroyed two previous ones.

London Bridge has its own tale—and yes, as the ditty about its English counterpart goes, it is about falling down. The ridge used to have two arches, over which visitors could drive or walk across all the way to the edge.

On Jan. 15, 1990, the inner bridge collapsed, cutting off the outer portion. The accident was widely covered in the media because two tourists were stranded on the bridge. Reports retold by tour guides say that at about 4 p.m. as the main group of tourists headed back toward the road, a man and a woman parked their car in the middle of the bridge and started walking toward the edge. Just when they were above the outer arch, rocks suddenly started crashing into the sea behind them. They had become isolated, and the only way they could be rescued was from the air. Unfortunately the winds were unusually strong that day, preventing helicopters from landing or even flying low enough to pluck them out. It was about 10 p.m. when the winds died down, allowing their rescue.

A horde of reporters, mostly toting cameras, microphones and tape recorders, besieged the couple as they emerged from the helicopter, our tour guide recalls—with relish. "At that point they probably wished they hadn't been rescued," the fellow said, chuckling. "You see, they weren't supposed to be seen together."

As a parting shot, he advised that couples on clandestine dates should be less adventurous. The story of the Twelve Apostles is less contemporary—in fact, ancient—unfolding over hundreds of thousands of years. These towers of rock were once part of ridges like London Bridge. Through the constant pounding of wave and wind on the soft limestone sections, caves were carved out. Further erosion turned the caves into arches, which eventually collapsed, leaving only detached rock towers.

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As the cliffs and ridges are about 70 meters at the highest points, the tallest "apostle" is estimated to be 50 meters. The smallest ones sometimes disappear during high tide. This, plus one's vantage point, are factors that determine the visibility of all 12. Some say there are now only 10 or seven, the rest having been reduced to rubble by continuous erosion.

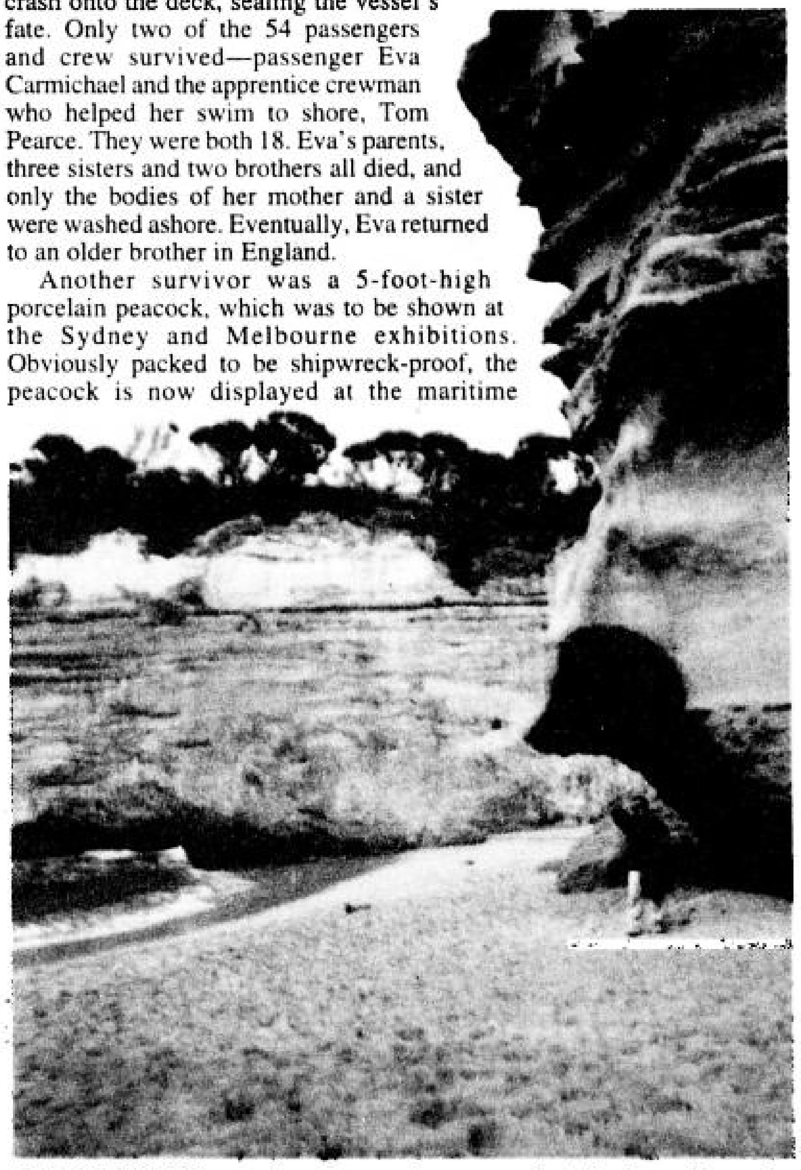
But whether 12 or 10, the structures look like sea creatures coming up for air or a group of landlubbers testing the waters.

According to one traveler's account, the Twelve Apostles were once known as the sow and her piglets, probably when the rock stacks were still wider and rounder. But, he quipped, "who would want to travel hundreds of kilometers just to see a cluster of pigs?"

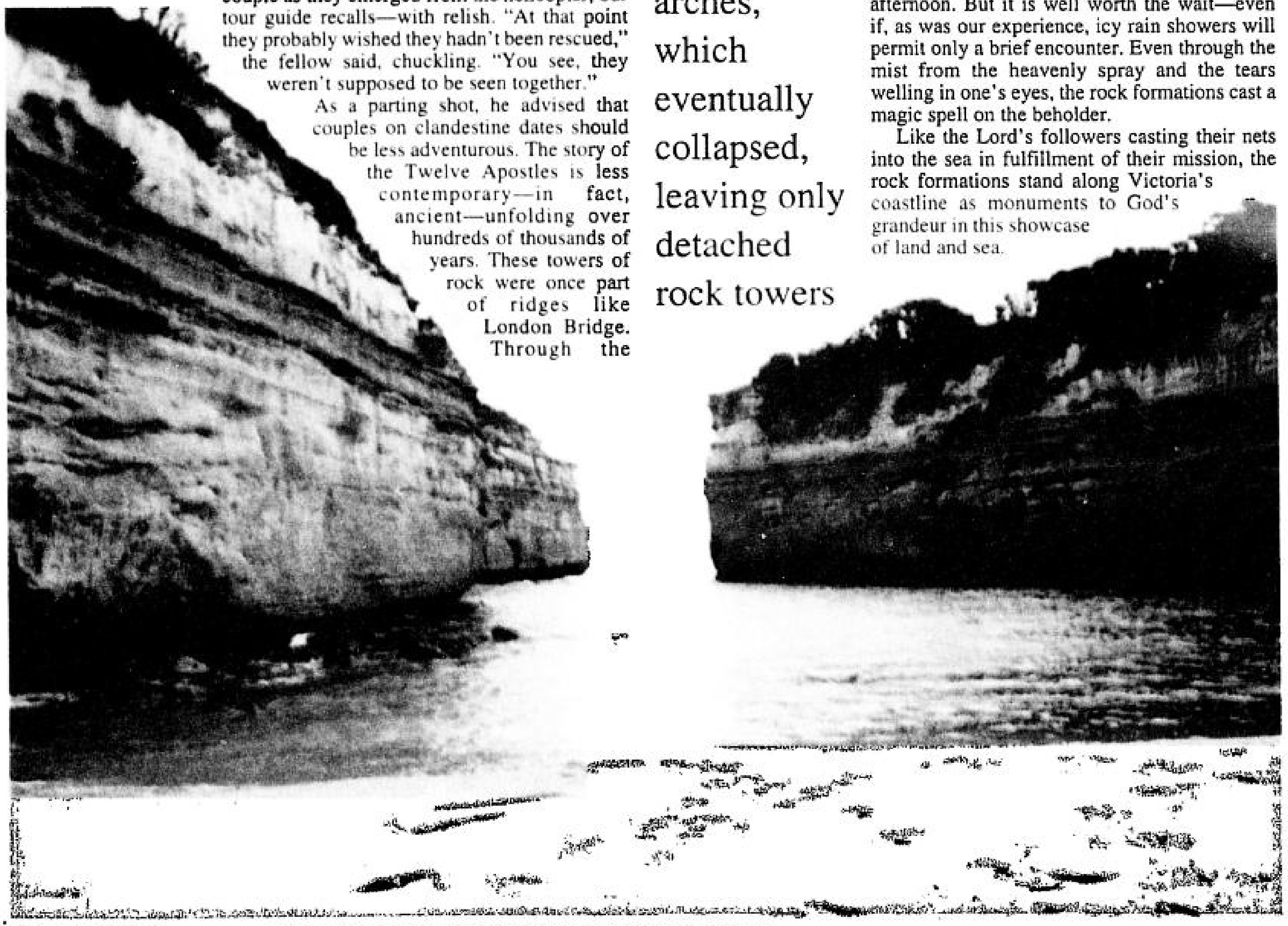
One surmises that the name is inspired by the biblical account of how Christ called his first apostles and gave them a mission. The gospels say it was on the shore of Lake Galilee that Christ approached Simon (later called Peter) and his brother Andrew, both fishermen. "Come with me," Christ said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Not far away, he called two other fishermen, John and James, sons of Zebedee.

The Twelve Apostles is the highlight of the daylong Great Ocean Road tour of Australian Pacific Tours. One starts off in Melbourne at 8:30 a.m., and doesn't get there till mid-afternoon. But it is well worth the wait—even if, as was our experience, icy rain showers will permit only a brief encounter. Even through the mist from the heavenly spray and the tears welling in one's eyes, the rock formations cast a magic spell on the beholder.

Like the Lord's followers casting their nets into the sea in fulfillment of their mission, the rock formations stand along Victoria's coastline as monuments to God's grandeur in this showcase of land and sea.



THE CONSTANT pounding of waves has gouged out the base of a reef.



THE LOCH Ard Gorge, named after a ship that crashed into a reef, is treacherously narrow.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Record breaker

THE RECENT 8th Travel Tour Expo (TTE) 2001, which was organized by the Philippine Travel Agencies Association, proved to be bigger and better this year with 132 exhibitors filling more than 200 colorful booths that showcased the best of domestic and international travel.

The exhibitors employed various promotional gimmicks such as wine tasting, face painting, in-house games and even massage therapy to make the event one to remember.

The Guam Visitors Bureau booth, with its putting green and the live performance of Jimmy Dee and the dancing Chamorritas won first prize for the Best in Marketing Effort category.

Other first-prize winners were the Macau Government Tourist Office and Dos Palmas booths (Best Decorated, international and domestic categories, respectively); and the Japan Airlines booth with its Tamiya racetrack (Most Popular).

TTE 2001 made a giant leap from last year's total revenue of P14 million to this year's P28.9 million, beating its own target of P20 million. It drew 39,159 visitors, up from last year's 29,412.

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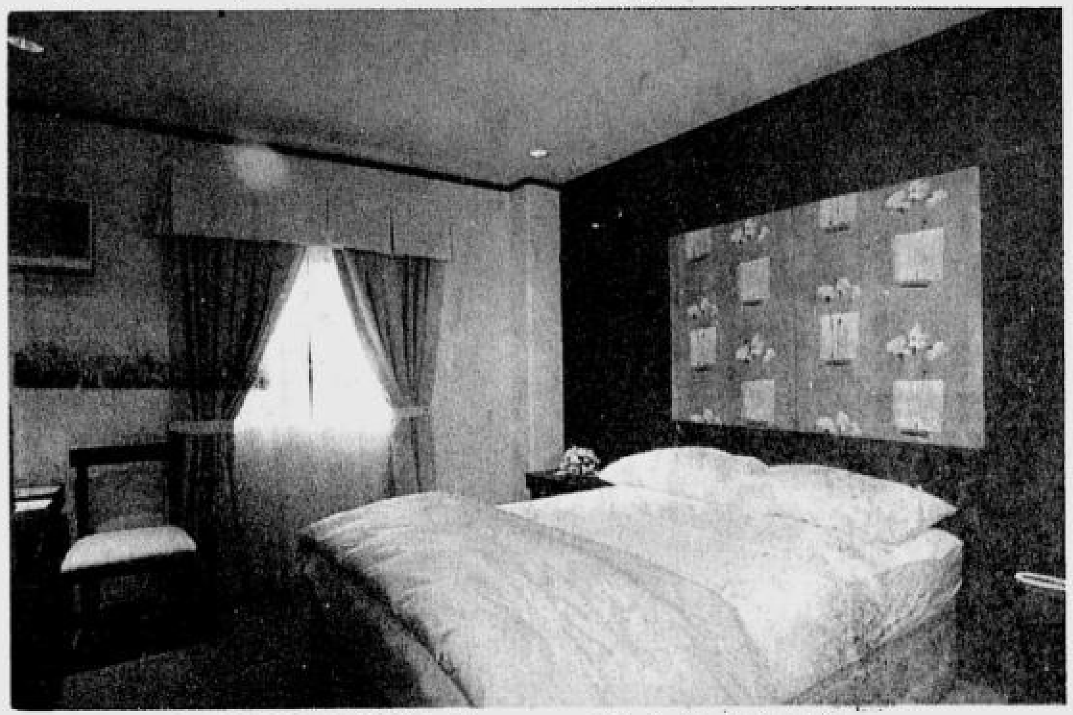

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Luisita beckons

(From page F2)

turies-old trees. The commercial complex boasts of a mall and several restaurants (Max's, Jollibee, Pancake House). Within the mall itself are several shops and cinemas and a great Japanese restaurant (Sakura) whose only downside is its poor exhaust system (common to most Japanese restaurants, anyway), but nevertheless, it's still so much worth the food trip. So if malling continues to be your thing even while on vacation, you can still get a little bit of that at Luisita.

Golf Club

The best form of recreation at Luisita, however, still remains to be the golf and countless golfers from Manila have returned again and again to get their "fix" on Luisita's fabulous golf course. Robert Trent Jones Jr. has designed many fantastic golf courses in Manila, but his father, the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr., designed only one in the Philippines and that course is in Luisita. The elder Trent Jones has the most number of courses designed in the Top 100 Golf Courses in the United States.

A visit to the Luisita golf course is simply breathtaking—even for a nongolfer like myself. Standing on the balcony of the golf club, you have a view of a lush green fairway that seems to stretch on and on. Even on a summer day, one can find shade beneath the majestic and centuries-old Balete trees that are in abundance. The sound of water coming from a nearby fountain is most refreshing, the gentle rustling of leaves and the happy humming of birds who have made their homes on the trees delight one's soul. Perhaps it would be safe to say that this is one golfer's paradise, thus many a golfer has found himself/herself returning to this course.

Central Park has golf packages which they have found to be quite popular among the golfing set. For P3,000/person/night on weekdays, one can get a room with breakfast and 18 holes on the fabled golf course. Spouses who are nongolfers can accompany their hubbies, and the kids can tag along, too, with no extra charge. Golf package rates on weekends are slightly higher.

But if golfing isn't your thing, you can still come to Luisita, drop by for 24 hours and break journey to or from Baguio or even for a brief break from the frazzle of the city. Plans are afoot to offer spa/massage services for the ladies, too. Rooms are currently at P2,295/night for Deluxe or P2,631/night for Superior.

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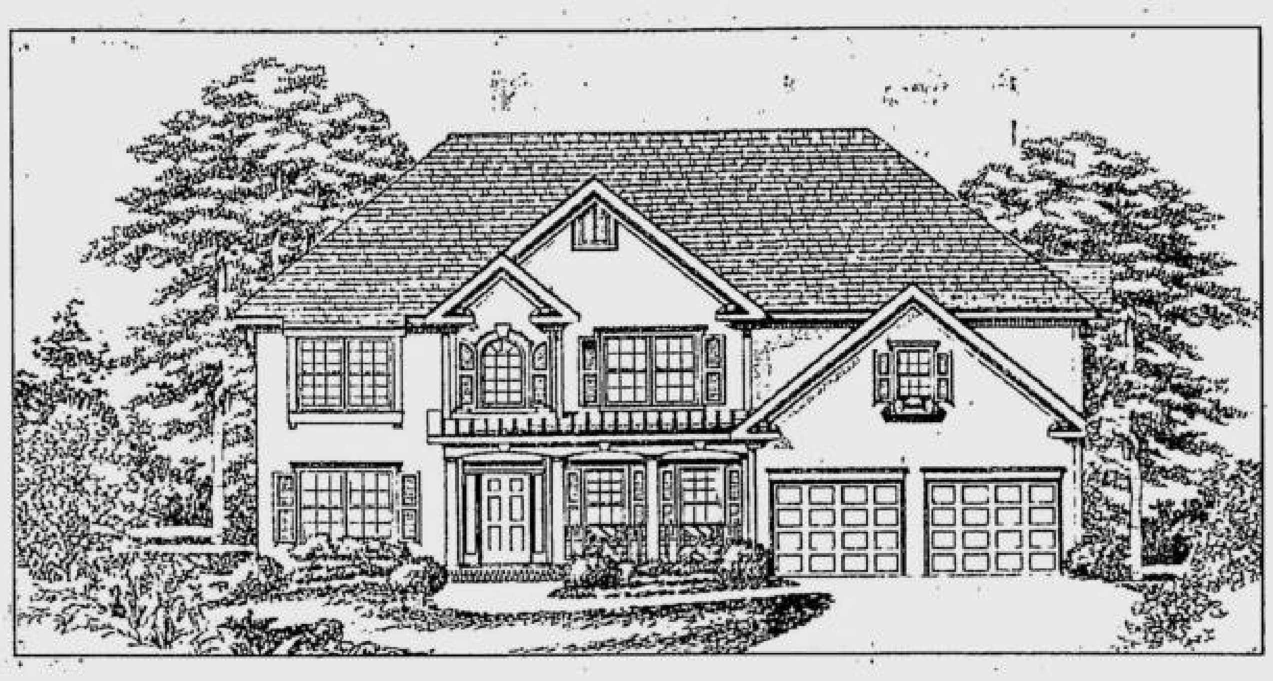

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In the daily pursuit of our own dreams and goals, it is all too easy to forget the plight of other people: to rise above poverty and live with human dignity. But once in a while, an opportunity comes along to disprove such apathy. We are given a chance to demonstrate our compassion and use the special gift that lies at our core: an infinite capacity to give to our brethen in need.

The Pabahay Pambuhay project of Jollibee Foods Corporation (JFC) was one such opportunity. Believing in its objectives, JFC partnered with Habitat for Humanity Philippines (HFHP) in its mission to build houses for Filipino families from the lowest strata of society.

The profile of a typical home partner family would show a six- to eight-member unit, living in shanties or on the streets for most of their lives. For them, the indignity of severe poverty is a daily reality, the dream of a home, unimaginable. Pabahay Pambuhay was intended precisely to uplift their lives.

For months, home partners worked side by side with volunteers from all walks of life, led by the Jollibee family. Alternately braving the cold December rain and the searing noonday heat, they built dream houses with blocks of hope, cemented with their sweat. The volunteers joined home partners who pledged 400 hours of labor – what Habitat calls "sweat equity" – to construct their own house plus the houses of fellow home partners.

After a holiday season spent digging soil, laying cement blocks, and painting walls, the home partners of Pabahay Pambuhay and the JFC-HFHP volunteers finally celebrated the fruits of their labor, having completed 20 houses in total. On December 17, 2000, the first batch of homes was turned over to their proud home owners in simple house dedication ceremonies held at the Rotaryville Christian Habitat in Talon Uno, Las Piñas City.

Gracing the affair were Jollibee CEO Tony Tan Caktiong and Vice-President for Corporate Affairs Claro Certeza. Mrs. Cynthia Villar, Chikiting Patrol host Flexi Sarte, and Jollibee star endorser, actor Aga Muhlach, also joined the event, together with HFHP president and CEO Erly de Guzman who recounted some inspiring Habitat stories.

After keynote speeches from the guests, the home partners' children performed a touching song number to thank the Lord for their new homes. Teary-eyed RVC Homeowners Association president Evelinda Bables capped the event with a poignant speech delivered on behalf of the JFC-HFHP home partners, moving the audience with her heartfelt message of gratitude.

Her words are perhaps the most fulfilling testimony to the triumph of the Pabahay Pambuhay project. In her speech, Bables said in Filipino, "We greatly appreciate what Jollibee and Habitat are doing for families such as ours. Because of them, we now have houses we can call our own."

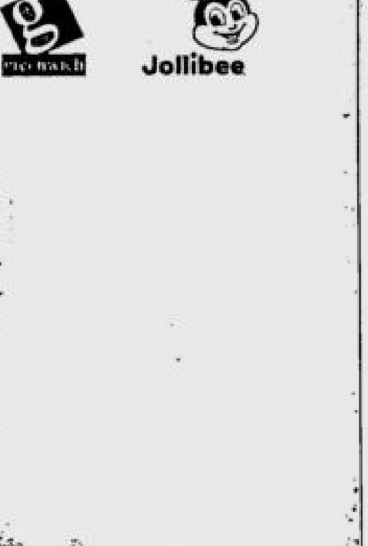
Homes to call their own, and dreams to last forever – these are what hope and the spirit of compassion can build.

Foundations Of A Partnership

Jollibee Foods Corporation's involvement with the HFHP began with simple food sponsorships in 1999. The following year, however, with a desire to support HFHP on a greater level, Jollibee created the Pabahay Pambuhay program.

Over 5,000 Pabahay Pambuhay cans distributed in Jollibee, Chowking, Delifrance and Greenwich stores throughout the country collected coin donations. From humble daily donations from JFC employees, suppliers, management, and customers, enough funds were raised for construction materials. JFC management and staff then put their full support behind the endeavor, laboring beneath sun and rain alongside HFHP home partners and other volunteers to build houses in Talon Uno, Las Piñas City.

With Pabahay Pambuhay, Jollibee has assured HFHP of its continued support, making a long-term commitment to help build not only homes, but also hope for a better life.



Habitat for Humanity Philippines (HFHP) is a non-profit ecumenical, Christian housing ministry founded in 1988 under the global network of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI).

With affiliates in over 70 countries worldwide, HFHI accomplishes its mission to build decent homes for the lowest 30% strata of society through the participative labor of home partners and volunteers, using as much donated construction materials as possible.

Houses are sold to home partners at low-cost, no-interest and no-profit mortgages ranging from 10 to 15 years. Home partners are thus able to contribute to the construction of another house for another needy family. Through this system based on sweat equity and mutual compassion, the organization not only provides people with homes, but also the chance to gain dignity through hard work, and the opportunity to share the spirit of human kindness.

HFHP works with representative local leadership, organized as Habitat for Humanity Affiliates in different parts of the country. To date, affiliates from 27 areas have built close to 4,000 houses. HFHP hopes to provide homes for 20,000 families by the year 2005.

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MUST-HAVE watch: Ikepod Megapode Chronograph. This is for the design-conscious individual:

BY ANTON SAN DIEGO

MUST-HAVE timepiece—Ikepod. This is definitely one of the hottest watches to have. Founded seven years ago, Ikepod is a Swiss watch company committed to advance design and specializes in mechanical wristwatches in limited edition. The line is designed by **Marc Newson**, a 35-year-old Australian architect and designer. The brand's name is an ingenious play-up on the owner's last name, Ike, and pod, which is Newson's name for his design style.

The watch is for the design-conscious consumer who abhors commercialism and adheres to individuality. One of the most popular styles is the Ikepod Megapode Chronograph, which was developed for pilots and equipped with the US ASA flight computer. The Ikepod watch is available at Lucerne Jewelers, located at the Glorietta 4.

What's in? Sunglasses. Summer's here and finding ways to prevent sunstroke has been everyone's preoccupation. Last year's aviator sunglasses have taken a new form this year.

Although relatively still in, it's better to be updated. Enter the rimless sunglasses. They're big and bold (think Carrera sunglasses or **Tony Ferrer**). This time they are updated, more hip and tinted in acid colors from yellow, pink, brown, red and orange. It's the sunglasses to have this summer.

Terror guests. After writing about "Eating out in Manila," we go to the other spectrum of the restaurant scene: diners who terrorize waiters and create a scene in establishments. Although there are fewer horror stories than people who get bad service, they are still out there. These terror guests like to throw their weight around and intimidate. I recently witnessed an incident in a five-star hotel. This man called for the manager and told him, "Don't you know who I am?" When he mentioned his name I could have sworn that I have never heard that name before (maybe it was a popular name in Sorsogon). He was literally screaming at the top of his lungs just because they served his sweet-and-sour pork without walnuts. The worst part was, his wife and children even encouraged his behavior. I was bothered.

Another time I heard this man hurl invectives at a waiter because his main course was served before the appetizer. As much as that's a reason to call **Doreen Fernandez** or **Clinton Palanca**, swearing is never appropriate. Could it be that since we have so much house helpers we sometimes forget that we are in a public place and think that we can order and boss people around? If that's true, our manners need an overhaul.

The service industry in the Philippines needs major help. When things go wrong in a restaurant it is our right to complain.

Managers and owners should profusely and wholeheartedly apologize and take the necessary actions to appease guests. But guests must not take advantage.

Since I wrote about this topic, I am glad that diners and owners alike have recognized their rights and faults. Restaurant owners should be happy that we don't have critics who tell people not to dine in their establishments like they do in London or the US, just because the steak was rock-hard or the soup watery. I do not think it has to come to that.

With my background in hotel and restaurant management, I understand both sides completely. The

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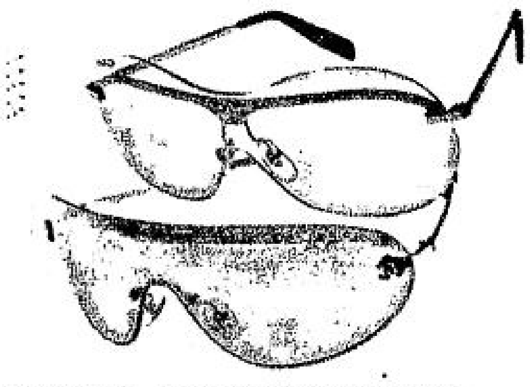

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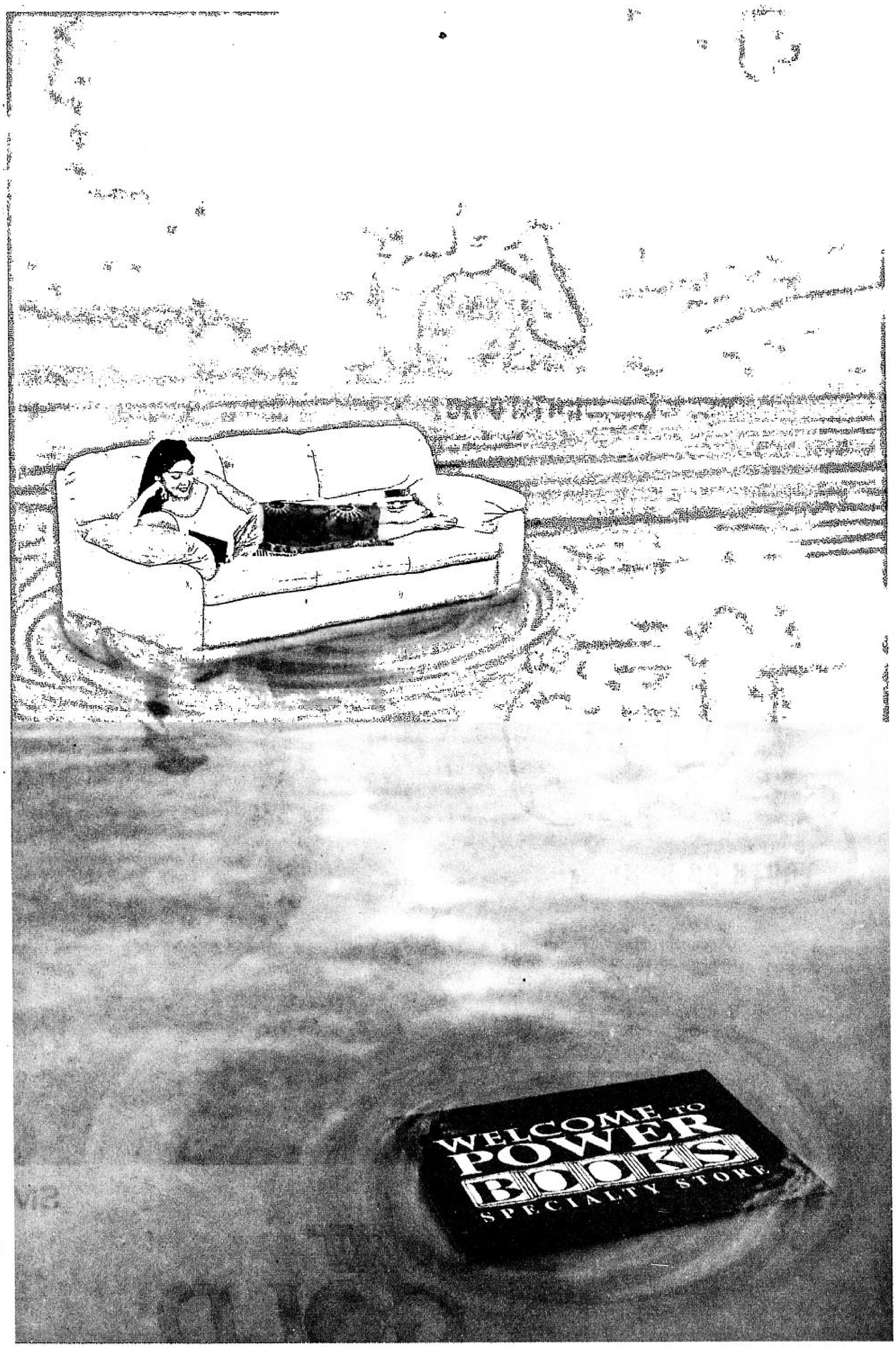

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SEN. Loren Legarda-Leviste (left) is guest speaker and inducting officer at the March 14 induction of the 2001-2003 board of directors and officers of the Indian Ladies Club, with (from left) Bina D. Nandwani, Manisha A. Hathiramani, Mona L. Devani, Lavina S. Ramchandani, Varsha D. Mansukhani, Cynthia S. Khemani, Vanisha G. Sajnani, Heena V. Hathiramani, Kamla C. Jeswani, Bina G. Advani, Priya S. Bhatia, Neelam H. Mahtani, Simran M. Uttamchandani, Serla R. Russell and Kavita D. Ramchand

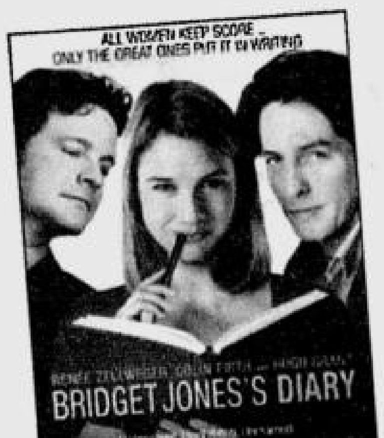
SENATOR Legarda-Leviste is welcomed by Kamla Jeswani (right) and Heena Hathiramani, the new president and vice president, respectively, of the Indian Ladies Club.

Time survey on sex in Manila, 'Bridget Jones Diary' the movie and diary of an ex-Malacañang queen

(From page G1)

problem in the Filipino service industry has to do with contractual workers, unions, etc. I really do not know which government agency can address these issues. I guess for the moment, restaurant owners should take it upon themselves to resolve such internal issues because as diners, it's not our responsibility to think of these things. I have told myself this is the last time I am speaking about this and hope it sparks a change. You won't be hearing from me again till I see another rat running in a restaurant or a caterpillar in my salad.

Drug of choice. The latest drug to hit the party circuit in the US (according to Time magazine), which has become the drug of choice by the affluent and celebrities alike, is called Vicodin. It is a potent painkiller in the same vein as morphine and heroin. According to Time, "Cocaine is passé and ecstasy is for kids." This drug triggers sensations of well-being and are a bane to people with "sobriety problems." It is highly addictive since like all drugs, your body looks for the "tranquil" sensation it elicits. The celebrities who are hooked are notorious rapper **Eminem** and "Friends" star **Matthew Perry**. Calling all Narcs, watch out for this one!


ALL WOMEN KEEP SCORE... ONLY THE GREAT ONES PUT IT IN WRITING
BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY

MUCH-AWAITED MOVIE. The long wait is over. Renee Zellweger plays one of the funniest, uncensored, uninhibited divas of our time, Bridget Jones, in "Bridget Jones' Diary."

Sex in Manila. I was rather surprised with the Time survey ("Sex in Asia") on sexual attitudes, practice and history in the Asian region and in particular, the Philippines. Out of five countries (Hong Kong, Korea, Thailand and Singapore), we scored the highest percentage on the following, as compared to other countries: Both male and female Filipinos think they are sexy. More Filipino males have had sex with other males. Both sexes agree that bisexuality is acceptable. And got the lowest percentage on the questions "Is premarital sex okay?" and "Do you use condoms?" Dr. **Margie Holmes**, what's your reaction?

"Bridget Jones Diary" the movie. For all the diehard fans of the international best-selling book by **Helen Fielding**, "Bridget Jones Diary," the long wait is over. The movie will be shown in the US and UK in April. It stars **Renee Zellweger** (check out US Vogue for her awesome pictorial) as the modern-day heroine whose opinion about everything (read: food, sex, men) is absolutely hilarious, frank and unabashed. It also stars **Hugh Grant** and **Colin Firth**. Those who have seen the sneak preview say the movie is v.v.g. We just can't wait!

Diary of an ex-Malacañang queen: A day in the life of a former Mare. Since I've written about **Erap** and **Miriam**, I have gotten numerous e-mails regarding the article. All, except for one, said since I love to put Miriam's name in my column, I may be a closeted Miriam fan. When I read that I just wanted to puke.

This week we focus on a former queen of Malacañang (she could be anyone, take your pick) and check out what her life is like now that she is no longer in the limelight.

This will be the last installation of "A Day in the Life" series as next week we promise a bigger and better diary of a new character whom you'll surely love and enjoy reading. Till then...

10 a.m. She wakes up late, Valium did not kick in till 4 a.m. Worries too much of her social status now that she is no longer in power.

10:30 a.m. Heads to Emphasis salon, where she has no appointment. Throws a tantrum and tells them to do her hair and makeup now. She has a luncheon. Everybody in the parlor stares at her; she loves it. At last after Erap left the Palace, she gets attention again.

11:30 a.m. Dolled up and ready to leave, she does not leave a tip and trips on the pond by the entrance. Gets mad at the guard; steals some goldfish.

12 p.m. Lunch at Mi Piace, orders a Bloody Mary, extra vodka on the side. Her three Mare friends join her (this time it's KKB). They all have the same trademark: big hair. One of them brings out some jewelry. Our Mare tells her to keep it for no one is interested and there's no occasion to wear such baubles.

1:30 p.m. They talk about all the parties they held, especially the ones where they came as their favorite royalty. Some chose Marie Antoinette, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth.

2 p.m. Passes by the supermarket wearing a pashmina (Mare trademark) even in this heat!

2:15 p.m. No one says hello to them in Rustan's anymore. She quietly cries.

2:45 p.m. **Loi** calls and asks for help in the campaign. She says she is too busy. Besides, her husband is out of work and has a heart problem. Her children (who joined Edsa II) are not speaking to her and there is no police escort anymore.

3 p.m. Calls a friend, a cousin of the wife of the undersecretary of the Department of Science and Technology to see if she can help in the elections of the People's Power Coalition. Why her? She's the only person she knows in the present administration.

3:30 p.m. Back to the Pen lobby for *merienda* and is joined by the same friends from lunch. They make their presence known making sure people think they are not passé. (On her third Bloody Mary.) Still KKB.

3:45 p.m. Our Mare is asked when she is going to pay her *utang*. She is insulted so orders champagne, gulps it down and leaves.

4:30 p.m. Attends ribbon-cutting of Zagu. After this, she's not asked anymore to open art galleries and restaurants. Spikes her melon-flavored drink with vodka.

6 p.m. Goes to Polk Street.

6:10 p.m. Leaves Polk Street. She thinks to herself, "I have done my duty, at least they won't say I am *balimbing*."

7 p.m. Goes home. Looks in the mirror and is amazed that her makeup and hair have not changed since morning. Must buy some more of the makeup they use for prosthetics.

8 p.m. Dinner with husband at Cheval Blanc. They're given a table near the kitchen (Read: Siberia) even if the place is not filled. Plots her life with husband; tells him to sell their land in the province and give all the money to the People's Power Coalition candidates.

9 p.m. **Tessie Oreta** sits at the next table and snubs her. After 30 minutes, she says hello. She was just practicing for that day when she's no longer a senator.

10:30 p.m. Goes to bed with vodka in her system. She is about to sleep when Loi appears at their gate. She lets her in. They talk in her bedroom which has pictures of her and Loi in her sorties. Loi leaves happy knowing that she still has a friend. She then quickly replaces all the pictures of Loi with **Gloria**'s face. Doesn't need the Valium anymore. Her dream is about to come true.

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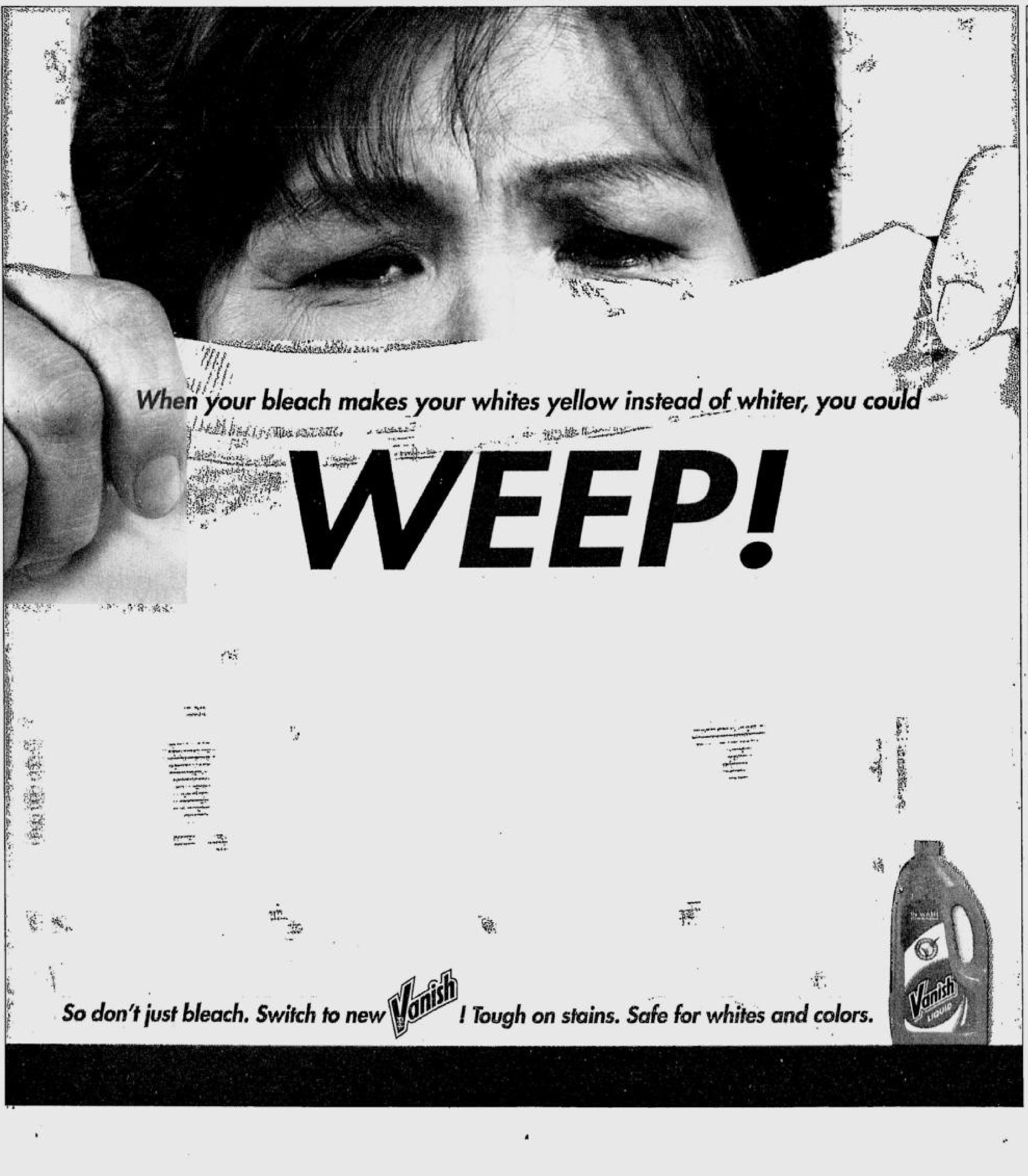
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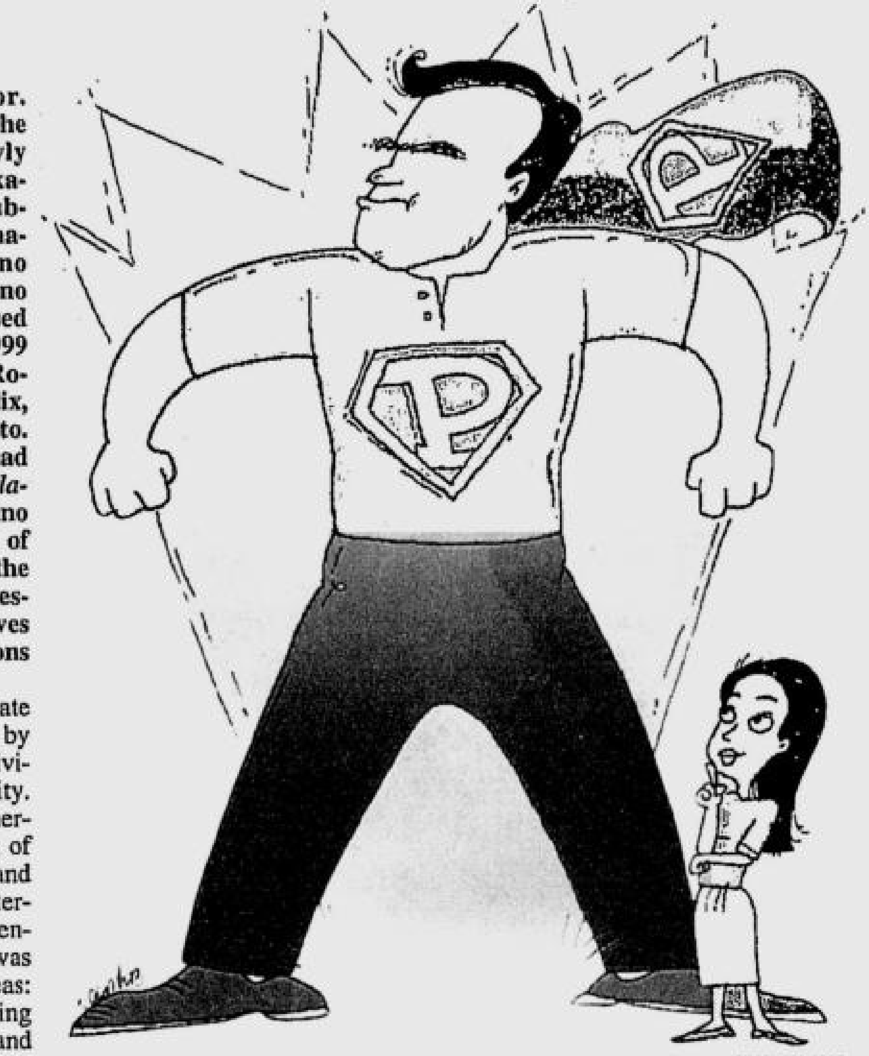
The inscrutable Pinoy male exposed

By Cathy Babao Guballa



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Men are from Mars, women are from Venus, and Pinoys are from a galaxy far, far away

DOMINATOR. Reactor. Protector. Partner. The Filipino male is slowly evolving, says the book "Pagkalalake: Men in Control?" published by the Pambansang Samahan sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino (National Association of Filipino Psychology). The book is based on a research conducted in 1999 by Grace Aguiling Dalisay, Roberto Mendoza, Edzel Mirafelix, Francis Bambico, Mariano Sto. Domingo and Jay Yacat who had set out to look into the "*pagkalalake*" or manhood of the Filipino male. "Given the importance of family in Filipino culture," the book states, "we sought to investigate men's views of themselves and of women in two generations of males."

The study sought to investigate the Filipino male's sexuality by focusing on the respondents' individual understanding of masculinity. Citing the importance of the father-son relationship in the molding of one's attitudes toward love, sex and women, the researchers were interested in the influence of one generation on the other. Influence was measured in the following areas: sources of information regarding maleness and masculinity, roles and responsibilities, views of women, concept of sexuality and concept of love.

The research was conducted over a wide area—Lucban in Quezon, New Cuyo in Palawan, Marawi in Lanao del Sur and Simunul (Tawi-Tawi). From each research site, eight father-son pairs of different ages, economic backgrounds and educational attainment were interviewed. Aguiling-Dalisay, project director, says, "Availability of both father and son was a deciding factor in the final choice of the eight father-son pairs. There were instances when certain men would be eager to participate but their sons/fathers were unavailable due to physical distance or disinterest." Participants were mostly elementary and high school graduates. Fathers were generally in their 50s and the sons in their 20s.

In-depth interviews were conducted by same-sex interviewers as it had been found that participants in researches are more at ease discussing sensitive topics with people of the same sex. Interviews were conducted in the participant's local language. "This was done in recognition of the power of words and the need for self-expression in the language closest to one's heart," the authors explain.

Eye-opener

The findings were indeed an eye opener, at least for this writer, as many of the beliefs held were particularly terribly chauvinistic and unfortunately prevalent in cities and provinces all over the country. Reading certain portions made it appear like the Filipino male species was of a selfish breed and with a "holier than thou" attitude.

However, upon further reading, the research shows that the Filipino male is "slowly evolving," thus all is not lost. It will take a while though to create the ideal, sensitive male who both loves and protects without having to dominate or harm. Perhaps there is a need for the home (parents) and school to educate and enlighten today's little boys so that they will grow up to a more sensitive breed.

Paternal influences

"Pagkalalake" looks briefly into the importance and influences of fathers on their sons in the molding of beliefs and views of oneself. The book cites the study made by Ricardo Zarco and Ana Maria Badua in 1982 on the social determinants of male sexuality. In that particular study where the method of multiple regression analysis was used to analyze the influences of male homosexuals, bisexuals and heterosexuals, it was found that "the cumulative and strong masculine influences on the boy during his

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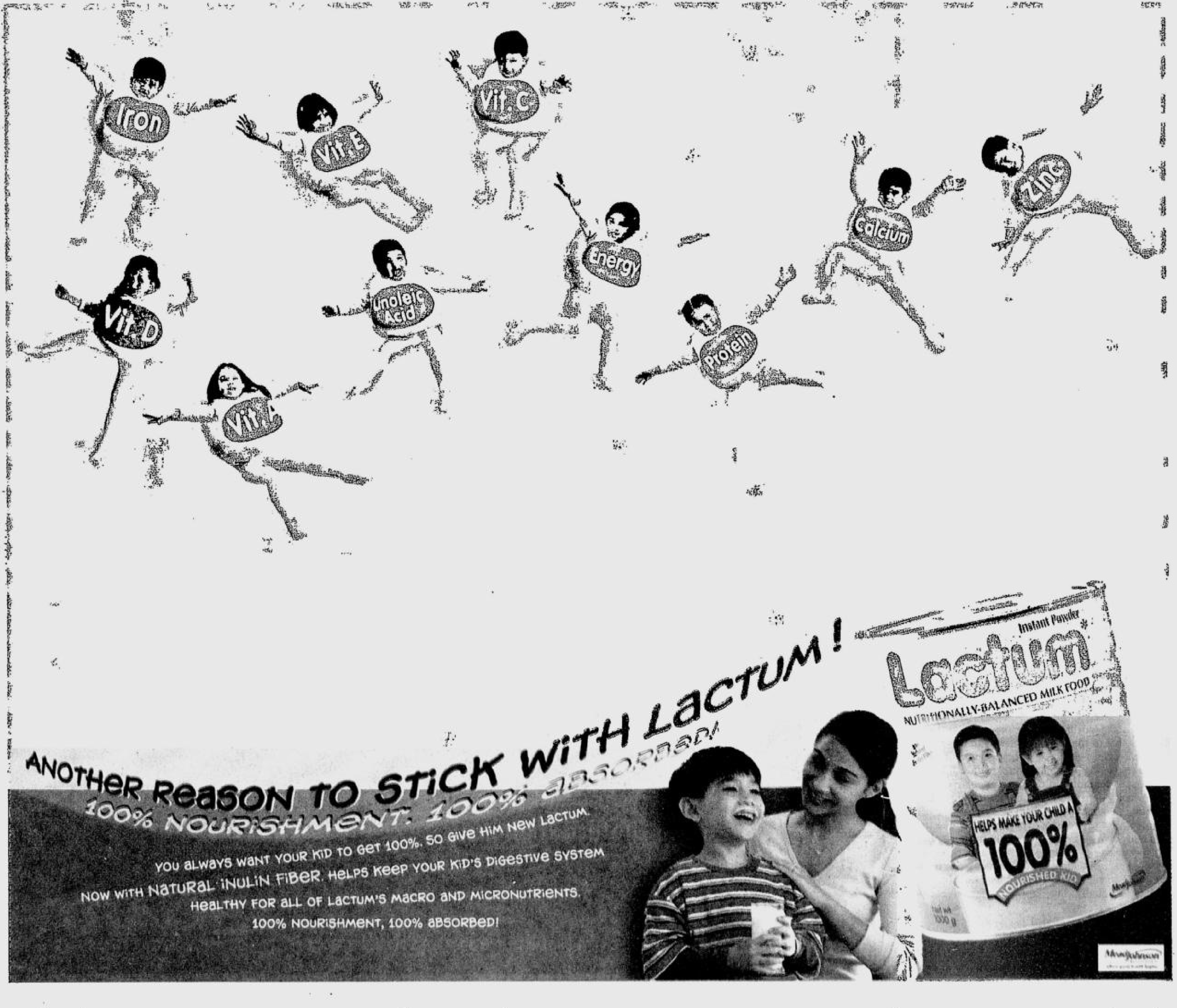

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The inscrutable Pinoy male exposed

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first 10 years are major factors. These factors include: the presence of male models in school, in the community and at home, and prolonged companionship and association with male members of the family." The book further says that the more masculine the influence, the greater the chance that the boy will become heterosexual. Thus, the study also cites, "the weaker the masculine influence, the greater the risk of homosexuality or bisexuality."

In choosing to interview father-son pairings, the researchers wanted to look into and boost the findings that not only do men engender other men, but more importantly, fathers engender their sons.

The authors then ask the question—if paternal masculinity is unimportant, what produces masculine sons? "Most researchers now agree that the quality of relationship between fathers and sons is the crucial variable in the development of the children's sex-role orientation." Citing a study by Lamb (1986, "The Father's Role: Applied Perspective"), it says: "... boys seemed to conform to sex-role standards of their culture when their relationship with their fathers were warm, regardless of how 'masculine' the fathers were." Which then goes to show that fathers need not be harsh, macho, enforce strong discipline and pressure or worse, resort to physical punishment to correct, as the book says, "unmanly behavior and tendencies." It may, in fact, even further break the child instead of strengthening him.

In instances where the father is absent or has passed away, Lamb says, "... many boys without fathers seem to develop quite normally so far as sex-role development and achievement are concerned. Father absence may be harmful not necessarily because a sex-role model is absent, but because many aspects of the father's role—economic, social, emotional—go unfilled or inappropriately filled."

So, how does the Filipino father influence his sons? The results presented in this book were most enlightening and puts into proper perspective how parents, both mother and father, play an important role in molding that precocious little boy into a man of character, kindness and strength.

Images of men

Four dominant images of the Filipino male emerged as a result of this study. Based on the responses of the fathers and sons, the following images of men were presented: protector, dominator, reactor and partner.

As protector, the book says, males feel responsible for taking care of women who are generally perceived to be vulnerable. To the best possible extent, they strive to ensure the survival, safety and well-being of women. This concept of male as protector is primarily communicated by the fathers of the respondents as they consistently reported, "men are protectors; the women are to be protected."

The book says many fathers commented that a true mark of manhood is the assumption of the protector role which is manifested as being provider of the household. Many participants, the book states, first realized their maleness by socially-significant events like getting married and having a family. "The fact that the cognizance of their completeness (*kaganapan*) as males was brought about by their marriage suggests that there must be a strong intergenerational influence on their understanding of masculinity as assuming the protector role."

As Dominator, the phrases "*haligi ng tahanan*" and "*padre de pamilya*" come to mind. In this particular role, males see themselves as superior to women. They exert control over others, particularly females, and demand that their decisions are upheld. The book adds that the use of violence is seen to be an instrument to maintain this privileged position in society. As for their views on women, the relationship is vividly described in answering the question "who comes first?" In this image of man as dominator, the common response was "Most fathers expressed their assertions that men should take control and take charge in a relationship. They believe that men are far more capable in dealing with adversities than women, whom they refer to as weak and fragile, making them [women] unfit to lead or direct other people."

As Reactor, males attribute their actions to other people and situations. There is very little acceptance of responsibility for decisions or actions. "When asked about their views on how men treat women, most pointed out that their attitudes and behaviors in dealing with women can also be determined by the latter's behaviors. The respondents also pointed to certain factors beyond the self that explain their acts of judgment. These are exemplified in their attempt to explain why men get to inflict physical pain on women. Aside from the reason that men are physically superior to women—on the premise that brute force translates to power—women are often blamed to be the cause of such violent acts."

The most positive image presented in this book is that of the male as Partner. In this role, the male acknowledges that both men and women are capable of contributing to the success of a given relationship or activity where egalitarian conditions are a premium. However, the authors say that ideas of men as partners of women are fairly recent. These may be due to demands for a more sensitive and nurturing male. The book says that despite the stereotypical view of women, respondents strongly recognize that men and women have equal rights and should be treated equally. They also complement each other in work.

Toward the future

The last part of the book focuses on recommendations. Fathers and mothers are sources of information regarding masculinity though some aspects of the son's masculinity are reinforced by their interaction with male contemporaries or male relatives. A clear line is drawn between maternal and paternal influence in terms of social and emotional distance. "It may be said that there is some space for the influence of the mother which buffers the movement of the sons toward becoming the traditional macho male. Evidently, fathers are not very much involved with their sons' affairs as compared to the mothers."

The author/researchers gives the following recommendations in order to help transform the Filipino male.

- Males need to reflect and act on gender issues as individuals. They can each subtly introduce such concepts in the various communities to which they belong.
- Father education, possibly as a specialized module on masculinity, is one of the routes to take. Companies and corporations can be challenged and encouraged to include such courses in their staff and executive development programs.
- An increasing number of men have expressed dissatisfaction with male stereotypes and are consequently concerned with their eradication. Thus, they themselves should serve as catalysts for change. Male parents have the unique opportunity of providing their children a good model of what it means to be a male person. In school, teachers and officials need to provide a gender-sensitive environment for young people.
- Barring any incidence of spousal or partner abuse in any form, women can provide support for their male partners who are struggling with the change from the dominator to partnership mode. Males can be helped to realize their flaws without being lambasted for it. This presupposes that the male is open to feedback and their response capability to such information.

Thus, the authors believe that male transformation is just beginning. "It is not the goal to make men more like women," the authors say, "but to help them evolve to be more like the human beings that they are. Men would then be in control, not of women, but of themselves."

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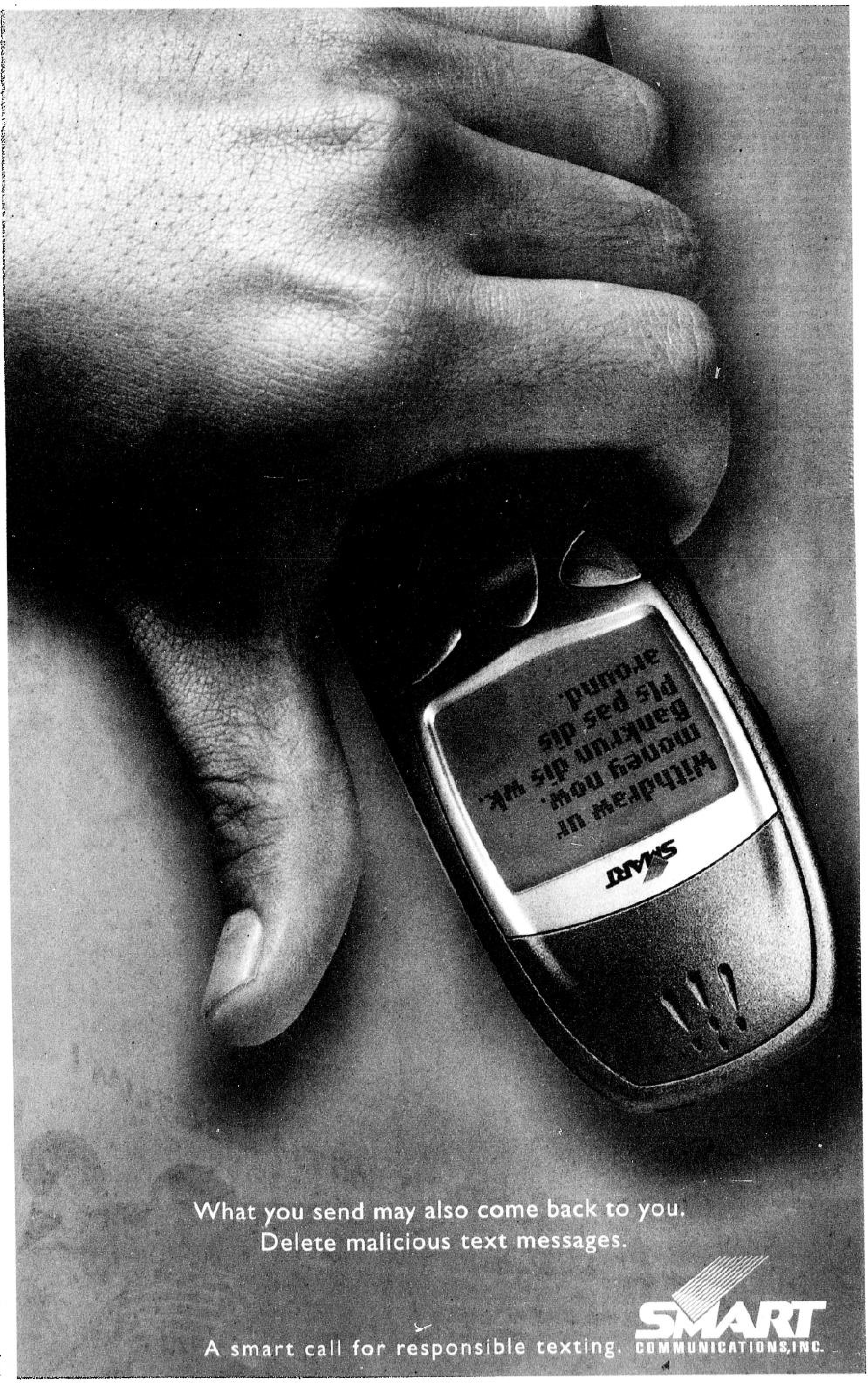
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NEED to jazz up a dreary room or add pizzazz to your old furniture without spending a fortune? Here's a simple decorative art technique called "fantasy marbling," which you can do by yourself, using recycled stuff in the house. This method takes up very little of your time. It is quick and fun and allows a great deal of creativity and imagination.

Fantasy marbling is ideal for almost any surface—walls, tabletops, mirror frames, mugs, trays and gift boxes. It looks equally good on modern and traditional furnishings, giving them instant class and elegance. "Marbling is one of the simplest ways of decorating your home," says decorative artist Carmen Prieto. "There are many techniques used to achieve this beautiful and colorful artwork. It can be as simple as a two-color tone or as intricate as adding veins and lines to the design."

Painting a wall to look like marble lends elegance to any room. And the process is not difficult at all. Marbling can be done on a large surface in a very loose and impressionistic way that still looks real. You will find the technique easy to handle. Marbling the floor in cool colors gives the impression of space and light to small confined areas.

This decorative process produces patterns that give a veined or mottled appearance imitating marble through varied colors and brushing techniques. It takes its name from the stone long treasured by artists—the marble. Some of the designs produced through this technique resemble the veins and ripples in marble. Other intricate line patterns result from a sequence of movements and the use of different tools that resemble combs.

Marbling made easy

If you want to try this technique, you must first get used to the idea that while there is a procedure that almost all marblers follow, there are no set rules. Only practice and lots of patience will show you the formula that is best for you.

Different marbling techniques require different

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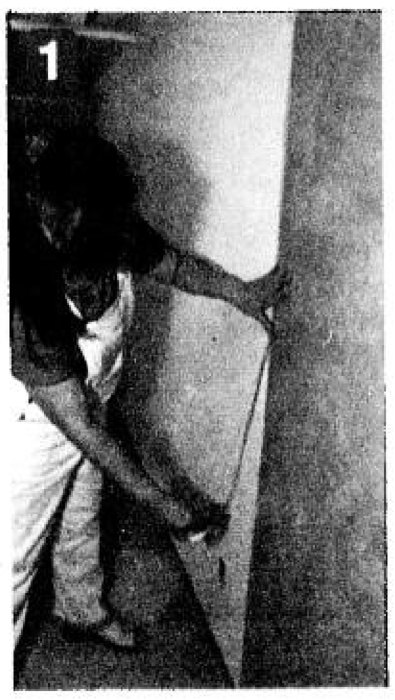
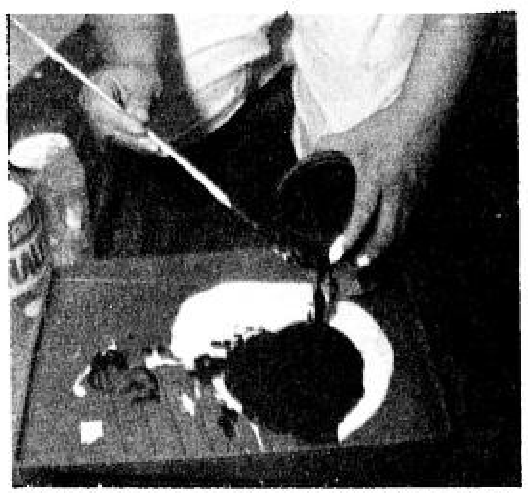
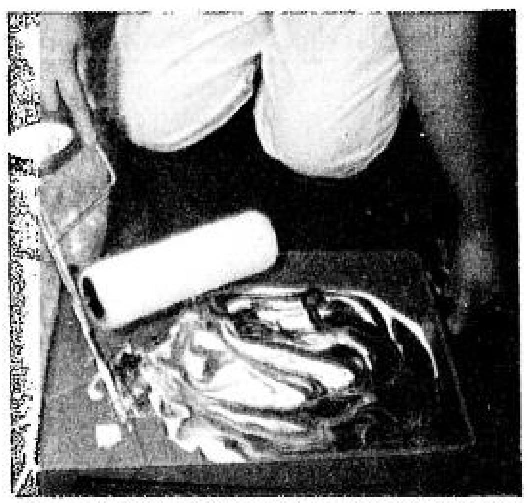


LAY masking tape along the edges of the wall to prevent the paint from spattering.

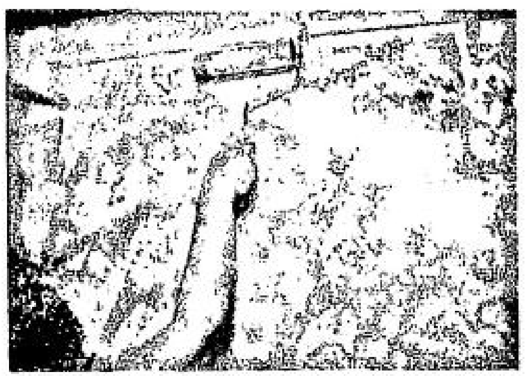


3 **POUR** one cup of white paint onto the tray, then add ½ cup of burgundy paint.

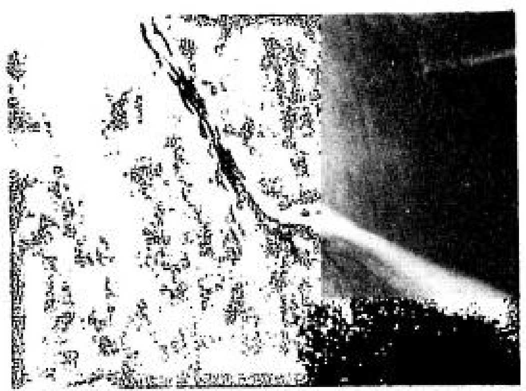


4 **USING** barbecue sticks, gently swirl the paint to create a marble effect. Avoid mixing the paint so you don't end up with a muddy mix.

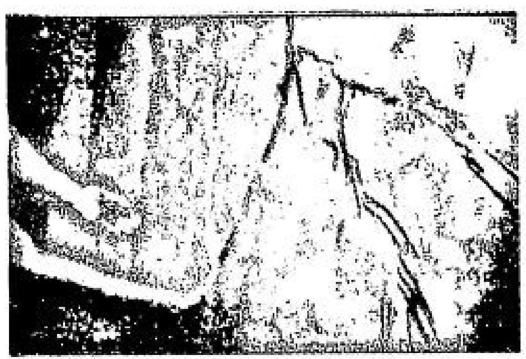
5 **SLOWLY** dip the roller brush onto the tray.



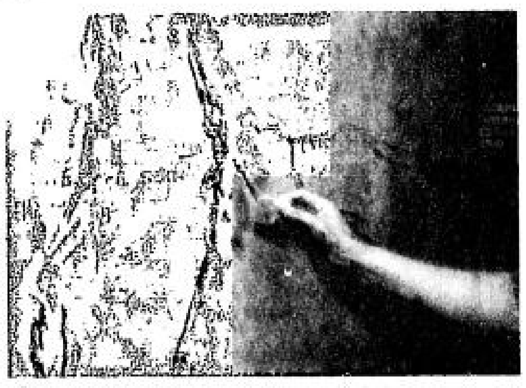
6 **BRUSH** the swirled paint on the wall in a random manner, making sure all areas are covered with paint. However, avoid going back to the same spot to keep the initial texture and color.



7 **DIP** two or three barbecue sticks onto the darker paint and squiggle them to create the main vein. You can also use corrugated cardboard to create this effect.



8 **ADD** branches to the main vein.



9 **SPONGE** the main veins lightly to remove excess paint. You can also dip your sponge on the white paint to refine the main lines. Sponging softens the harsh lines and creates a nebulous effect.

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materials and, of course, deliver varying results. The marbling method we chose in this exercise is considered the simplest.

The basic equipment needed for marbling includes plastic paint tray, barbecue sticks, thin paintbrush, acrylic paint (in this exercise, white semigloss paint and premium color acrylic paint in burgundy), roller brush, sponge and polyurethane varnish (optional).

The first thing to do is to apply primer to the surface (in this exercise, the wall). A primer is the first coating of paint. It gives the wall a definite texture and background color. Then, create veins on the painted surface. Marble veins tend to meander diagonally, forking off to left and right. But all veining lines should have an end and a beginning. They should not start in the middle of nothing and fade out again. Think of them linking up like roads on a map.

Gently sponge the painted veins to remove excess paint, then sponge the veining lightly and diagonally in one direction and then another, to soften and blur. Linking up the large veins, make secondary roads cutting across major ones. The sponge softening will have a magical effect—suddenly the crude squiggles begin to look like lines on real marble.

Always remember to stand back after every work to study your handiwork. Your work may need a bit more veining somewhere. But don't overdo it. A good craftsman should know when to stop.

Carmen Prieto conducts classes on decorative arts at the Ayala Museum. Call 812-1191.

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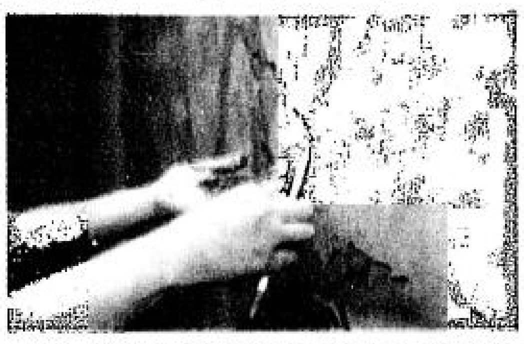
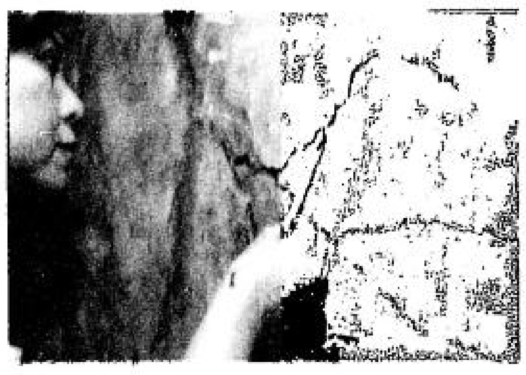
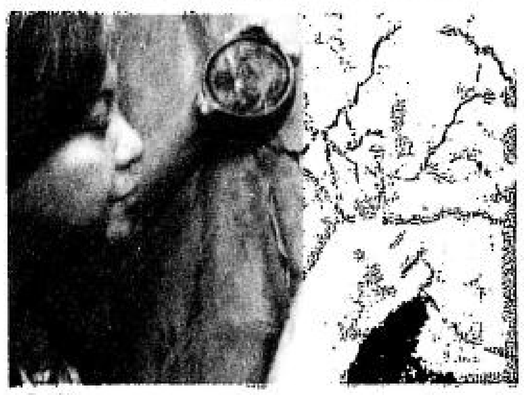


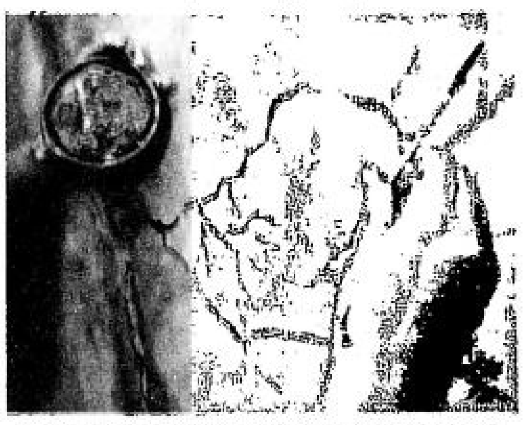
10 **USING** a thin brush, add additional veins to the main vein in a fidgety brushstroke.



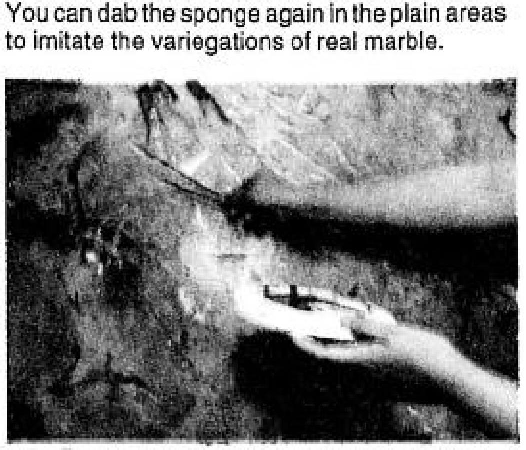
11 **THE BRUSHSTROKES** should be made diagonally across the main vein, branching off to the left and the right. There should be a beginning and an end—genuine marble veining does not start or peter out in the middle of nowhere.



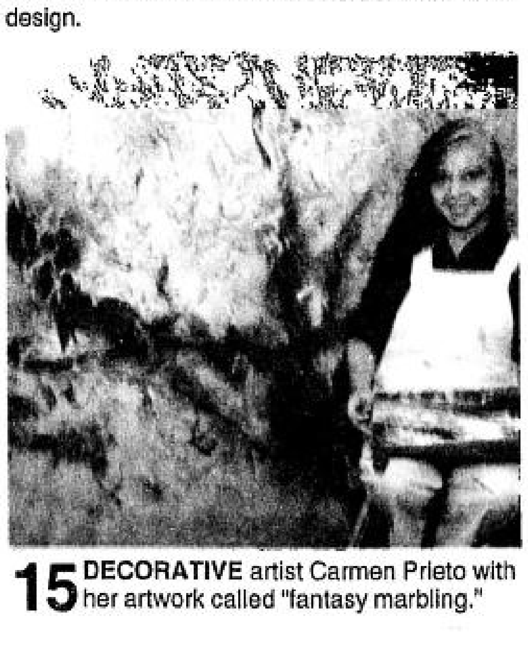
12 **THEN**, fidget in some smaller veins, connecting them to the large ones. These should also mainly run diagonally.



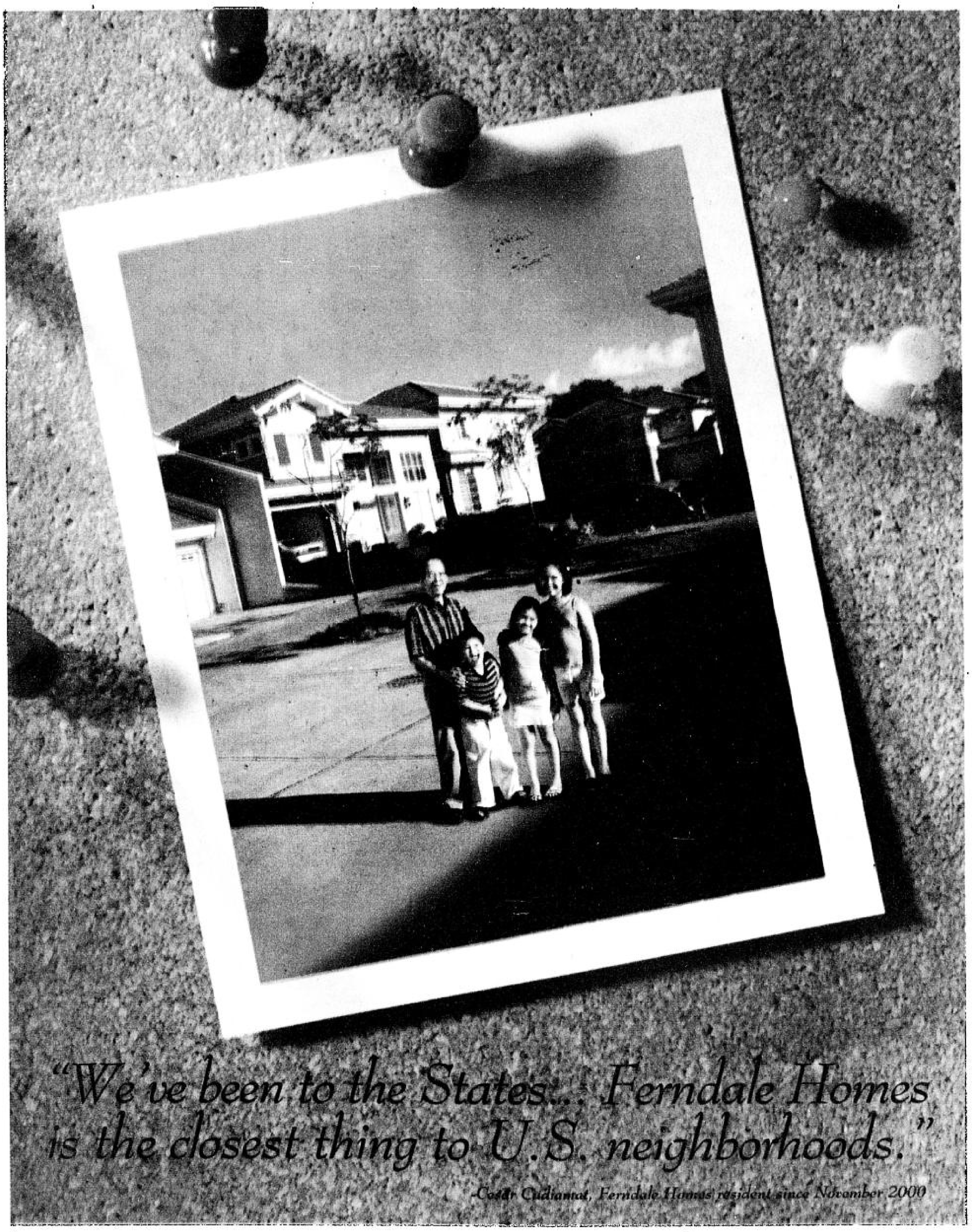
13 **TO PAINT** smaller veins, hold the brush loosely and apply it with fidgety strokes. Then, soften the whole surface using a sponge. You can dab the sponge again in the plain areas to imitate the variegations of real marble.



14 **WHEN** the surface is dry, fidget some veins across the surface in light colors (yellow, beige, orange and green) using barbecue sticks to freshen and "lift" the marbling. Repeat the process as needed to create different colors of swirls in the design.



15 **DECORATIVE** artist Carmen Prieto with her artwork called "fantasy marbling."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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Wake-uppers

Nick Tiongson finds a snake pit in places profane and sacred

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IT was only later that resigned Movie and Television Review and Classification Board chair **Nicanor Tiongson** realized that shadowy groups had worked for his ouster. Although used to the machinations of the bureaucracy, having been artistic director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Tiongson is aghast that even people intimately connected with the Church where he considers himself a faithful could willfully operate at the costs of the truth and a man's reputation.

Tiongson said he trusted a number of people close to the Archdiocese of Manila in communicating to **Cardinal Sin** and the hierarchy the policies and actions of the MTRCB. Apparently, his efforts were for naught because nothing placated or satisfied the Cardinal, and even when Tiongson was able to reach him, the prelate had closed his mind. Even without seeing "Live Show," the movie about live-sex performers that incurred the ire of conservative groups, the Cardinal and the priests around him declared the movie pornographic.

"*May mga nagtraydor sa iyo*, Nick, *naka-abito at madasalin pa*," his colleagues at the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, the society of respected film critics, told him.

Apparently, the tentacles of Villa San Miguel went to work after that, isolating Tiongson even from Malacañang. Tiongson had been asked for a meeting with **President Macapagal-Arroyo** for several times, but the Palace appointments staff always denied his request.

As things were coming to a head, Tiongson asked National Artist **Nick Joaquin**, the President's biographer, to hand-carry a letter to the Palace, explaining matters. When Joaquin did so, the President complained, "Where is Nick Tiongson? He stood me up! We were supposed to have a meeting this morning."

"What meeting?" Tiongson asked Joaquin. It turns out that he had not been informed of the President's wish to see him. Shadowy groups had apparently been operating so that he would not be able to explain to the President the board's action on "Live Show," leaving the President in the dark and estranging her from her official.

His Manunuri colleagues think there was collusion between Villa San Miguel and its lap dogs in Malacañang. In the old divide between church and state, a snake pit has emerged.

Cardinal disgrace

AT THE PRESS conference last Friday of multisectoral antipornography groups at the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines office in Intramuros, Bro. **Eddie Villanueva** quoted a verse from the Bible in Proverbs 14:34, which says, "Righteousness exalts the nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

Some naughty reporters present jokingly whispered, "Yes, Sin (obviously referring to Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin) is a disgrace to any people."

Weekend warp

SOMEBODY ought to advise "The Weekend News" anchor **Erwin Tulfo** to stop saying "Have a nice weekend," after doing the newscast on Sunday night or rather, early Monday morning. "The Weekend News" airs on ABS-CBN after its Sunday night film feature, which normally ends after midnight.

Instead, Erwin should say, "Have a nice week ahead."

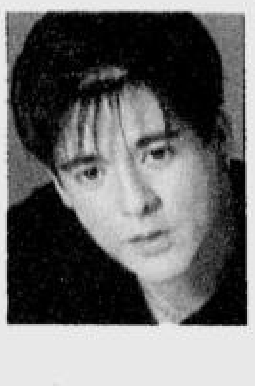
Speaking of ABS-CBN, the network must have acquired the TV rights to James Bond movies. Every Sunday night, after "Richard Loves Lucy," ABS-CBN airs James Bond films. Three weeks ago, it started with "Octopussy," followed by "A View to a Kill" and "The Living Daylights."

Aga does it all for love

UNLIKE **Cesar Montano** who spent a whopping P7 million for his much-talked about wedding with actress **Sunshine Cruz** last year, **Aga Muhlach** opts to keep mum about the budget of his altar date with beauty queen-actress **Charlene Gonzales**.

But judging from the preparations for his wedding, Aga will undoubtedly spend more than what Cesar did.

Cesar booked more than 20 rooms at Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel for his entourage and principal sponsors.



In contrast, Aga will book more than two dozen villas at Camp John Hay in Baguio City, where most of his guests will be billeted for the big affair.

The wedding will be a four-day event starting from May 25, when some of the guests arrive at Camp John Hay. No wonder it is being dubbed this early as the wedding of the year.

Interestingly, it was Aga who caught the blue garter during the Cesar-Sunshine wedding last September. At that time, he said he was already set on settling down with Charlene.

The couple has listed 400 invited guests, but Aga believes the figure can get bigger as the wedding day draws near. Still, the actor and his bride-to-be want to keep their guests to "just" 400.

A pre-wedding party will be held at the Vera-Perez Gardens, before the couple goes to Baguio.

The wedding itself on May 28 will be held at St. Joseph's Pacdal Church and not at the picturesque Baguio Cathedral. It was at St. Joseph's where Aga used to hear Mass as a boy.

Aga said it has always been his dream to get married in Baguio and it has never changed to this day.

A cocktail party after the 3 p.m. wedding ceremony will precede the dinner.

Exclusive coverage of the grand event has been given to ABS-CBN.

Even for the engagement ring, Aga reportedly bought his future wife a diamond-studded ring worth half a million pesos.

If that's not love, we don't know what is.

TIONGSON

CARDINAL SIN

Tongue worth cutting for

A POPULAR TV host known for her tactlessness was invited to the birthday party of a castmate. Or to be more precise, she asked to be invited. The birthday celebrator was very reluctant to include her in the guest list since her residence was in a poor man's district in the metropolis and she (the celebrator) wasn't exactly high society.

When the TV host arrived at the party, she lost no time in going up and down the house. After her quick tour, she flopped down the sofa in the sala and declared for all to hear, "*Ang linis pala ng bahay ninyo kahit* poor *lang kayo*.".

Perhaps the guest meant well, but everyone was stunned. There was shocked silence. While her tactlessness may be cutesy sometimes, perhaps this TV host should learn to choose her words and be more sensitive. Of all people, she should know that good old Filipino virtues, such as *kagandahang asal* and *pagmamagandang loob*, are worth dying for.

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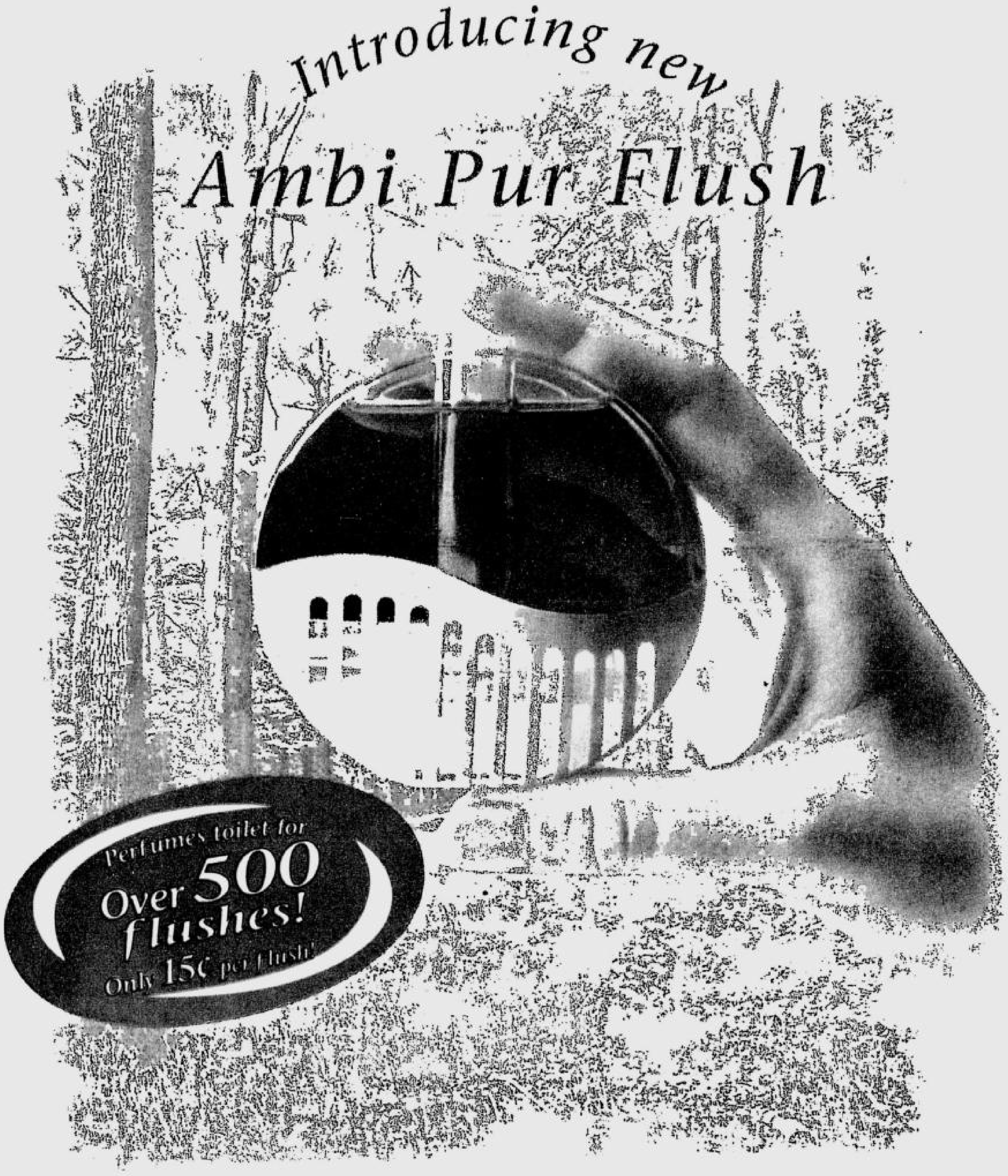

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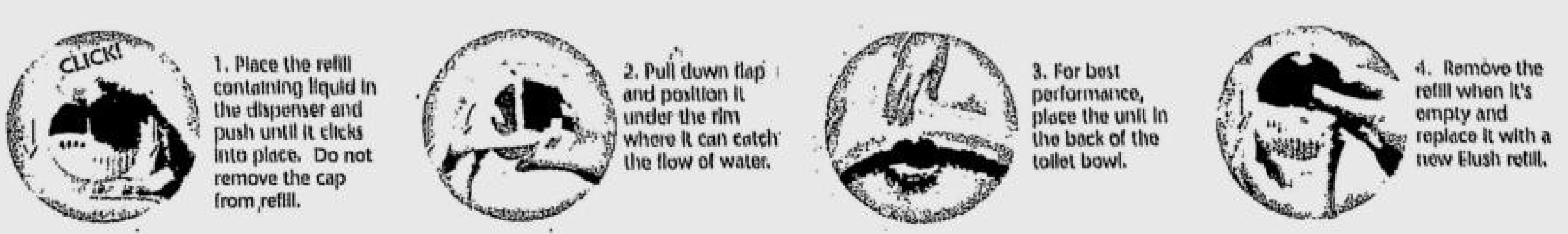

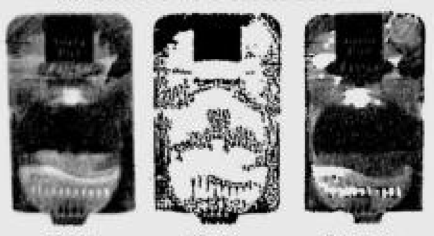

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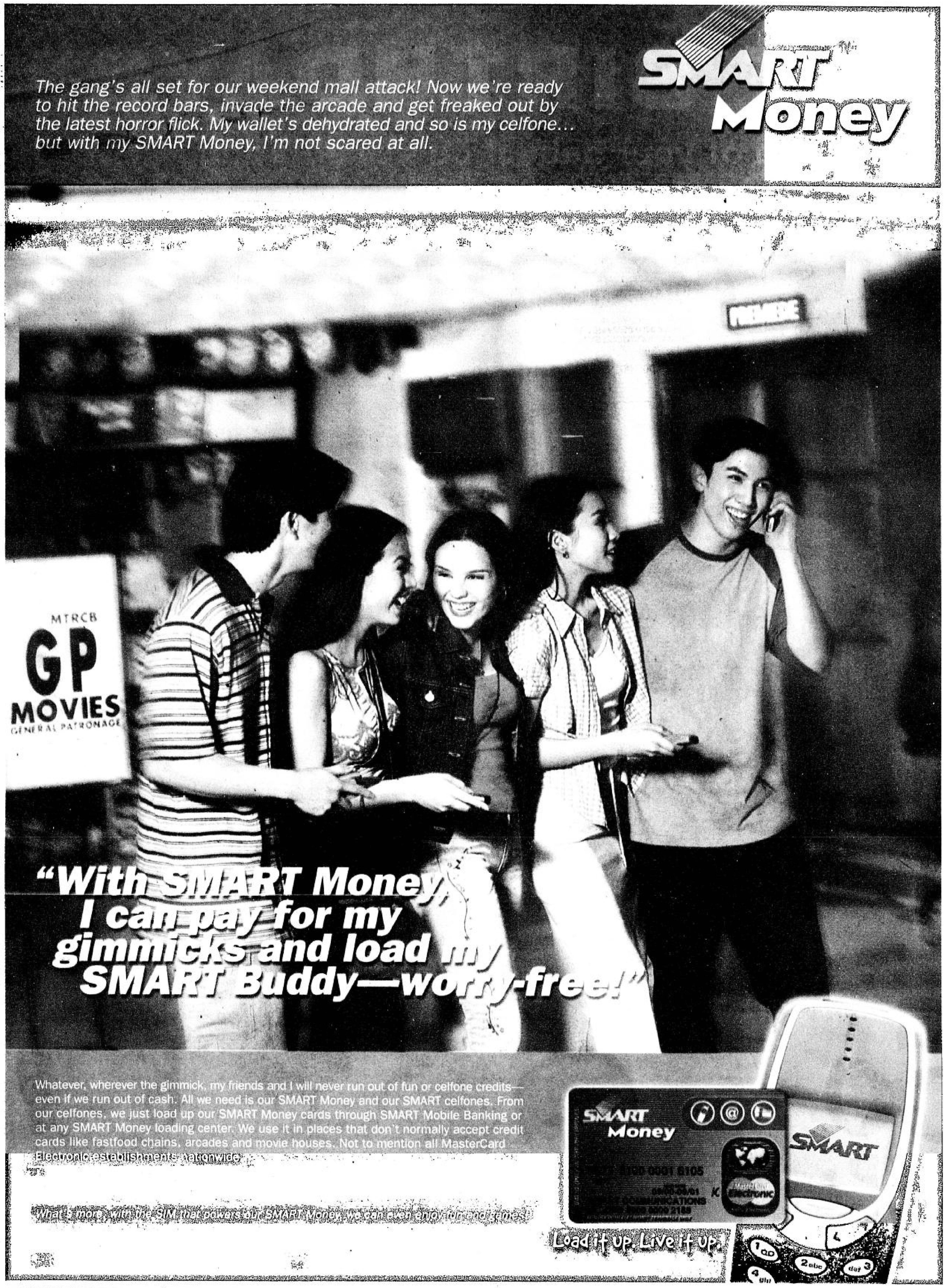

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Concern and awareness in the workplace

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RECENTLY, many of us have either seen on television or read in the newspapers that some Department of Tourism employees had openly complained about Sec. Dick Gordon on his alleged autocratic style in running the day-to-day affairs of the department. Apparently, there were some insinuations that the Secretary had bullied his way through obtaining cooperation for his good housekeeping efforts similar to when he was chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

This is understandable and I can empathize with Sec. Gordon. Without delving on the merits or demerits of his approach, this situation is commonplace in work environments where HR attempts to implement sometimes drastic measures aimed at improving the company's work environment and/or general working conditions. Sec. Gordon, during an interview, just shrugged his shoulders and said, "It is really like that at the beginning. But once people begin to see the changes taking place, they will understand. Look at Subic now!"

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- Graduates of Psychology, Behavioral Science, Management, or Business Administration
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- Male or female
- Age limit is 23

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☑ Preferably female, 25-35 years old
☑ Graduates of BSECE, BSIE, BS EE,
☑ With at least 2 to 3 years production experience in a manufacturing (electronics/semi-conductor) firm
☑ Hardworking, trustworthy with strong leadership skills

PRODUCTION MANAGER (PM-001)

☑ Male, 35-45 years old
☑ Graduate of BSECE, BSIE, BSEE.
☑ With at least 5 to 7 years experience as Production Manager in a manufacturing (electronics/semi-conductor) firm
☑ Hardworking, trustworthy with strong leadership skills
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PRODUCTION SUPERVISORS (PS-001)

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☑ With excellent ability to work under pressure

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FINANCE MANAGER (FM-001)

☑ Preferably female
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ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS (A-002)

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☑ With knowledge and experience in accounting software
☑ Resourceful, trustworthy with strong leadership skills
☑ With strong ability to work under pressure

PURCHASING SUPERVISORS (A-003)

☑ Preferably female, 28-40 years old
☑ Graduates of any Engineering or Business related courses
☑ With 5 years experience in Purchasing, 3 of which in supervisory capacity
☑ Must be knowledgeable in purchasing software, import, export and warehousing procedures and documentations particularly in Clark Special Economic Zone
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☑ With 2 years experience in Purchasing
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☑ Trustworthy, resourceful with good negotiating skills

ACCOUNTING CLERKS (A-005)

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☑ BS Accountancy graduate
☑ With at least 1 year related experience
☑ Knowledgeable in accounting software
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☑ Preferably residing within Pampanga area

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☑ Preferably female, 21-28 years old, single
☑ BS Psychology graduate
☑ With at least 2 years related experience
☑ With computer background
☑ Resourceful, hardworking, and trustworthy
☑ Preferably residing within Pampanga area

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☑ Male/Female, 21-30 years old
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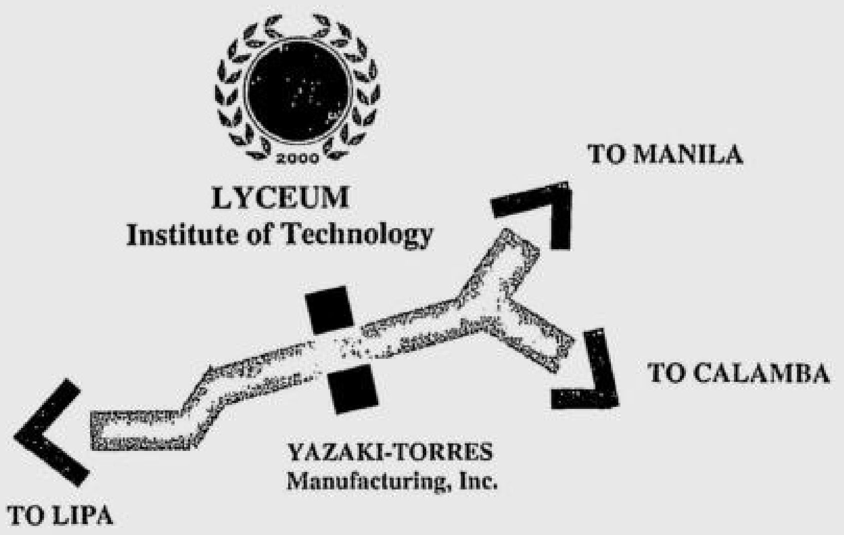

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Concern and awareness...

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Treating the business as if it were our own

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- graduate of HRM or Business course
- familiar with Omron and POS operations
- with at least 3 years related work experience in restaurant or in food chain
- with good communication skills
- can work with minimal supervision

Accounting Clerks
- female, single, not over 25 years old
- graduate of accounting from reputable universities
- flexible to work assignment
- proficient in computer applications
- with good communication skills

Catering Assistant
- male, between 25 to 30 years old
- knows how to drive
- with marketing skills
- computer literate

Head Waiters/Waiters
- not over 35 years old, Male 5'6", Female 5'2"
- graduate of HRM or business course
- with 3 years related work experience in fine dining restaurant
- flexible to different job assignments; willing to work on a shifting or broken time basis
- with good communications skills

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- can prepare Spanish, Japanese or International food and its costing
- with 3 years work experience as cook; flexible to work assignments
- knowledgeable in conducting kitchen and food stocks inventory
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- willingness to travel and work abroad frequently (60-80%), duration of each period will be maximum 5-6 weeks
- highly computer literate

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- flexible, immune to stress and with a good service sensitive attitude
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- highly computer literate

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Concern and awareness...

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even came up with a 30-minute overtime break between the regular and overtime for employees. Engineers began to complain that the "no eating policy" had nothing to do with product contamination. They expressed disgust over the new policy and further complained that they were not consulted. In the end, it became not an issue of product contamination but also of good housekeeping and maintaining a good corporate image, all rolled into one. But it was a management prerogative and every employee had to comply.

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Concern and awareness

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Employees remove tissue paper in the comfort room dispensers thus preventing other employees from using the same. Xerox machines are left without paper in the dispensers thus making it inconvenient for other employees to use them. Shredders are left with paper stuck on their blades thus wasting the time of the next users because they have to clean the shredders first. Employees request for ball pens, highlighters, notebooks, bond paper even if there are still excess items inside their drawers.

Consider this final quotation, "If you put out another's candle, you will also be in the dark". (German Proverb) In the end, it all boils down to having a sense of ownership where each employee believes and feels that he or she is a stakeholder in the organization. That concern for and awareness of things around us will bring about significant comfort to everyone.

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Hope you will ponder this idea. Thank you and more power to the **Inquirer.**

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Thank you very much.

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Encounter
by Gloria Esguerra Melencio

Life with Popoy Lagman wasn't easy, says Bobbie Jopson Lagman, but it meant sharing the man's passion for the working class and having a front seat view of the history of the mass movement

The Revolutionary's Wife

SHE STOOD AN INCH TALLER THAN PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO WHEN THE LATTER VISITED FILEMON "POPOY" LAGMAN'S WAKE. PETITE AND UNKNOWN TO MANY, BOBBIE JOPSON LAGMAN WAS THE SLAIN REVOLUTIONARY'S LEGAL WIFE FOR 16 YEARS WHO SEPARATED FROM HIM TWO YEARS BEFORE HIS DEATH. (LAGMAN WAS SHOT BY STILL UNKNOWN ASSASSINS ON FEBRUARY 6.) FOR 24 YEARS, THE COUPLE WORKED UNDERGROUND, BOBBIE PROVING HERSELF EVERY INCH THE SISTER OF MARTYRED ACTIVIST EDGAR (EDJOP) JOPSON, WHOM FORMER PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD ONCE DISMISSED AS MERELY "A GROCER'S SON."

THE LAGMANS HAVE A NINE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, LEANNE, WHO DREAMS OF BECOMING A PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT SOMEDAY.

Mother to Leanne: "I will try to rear her as a woman for others"

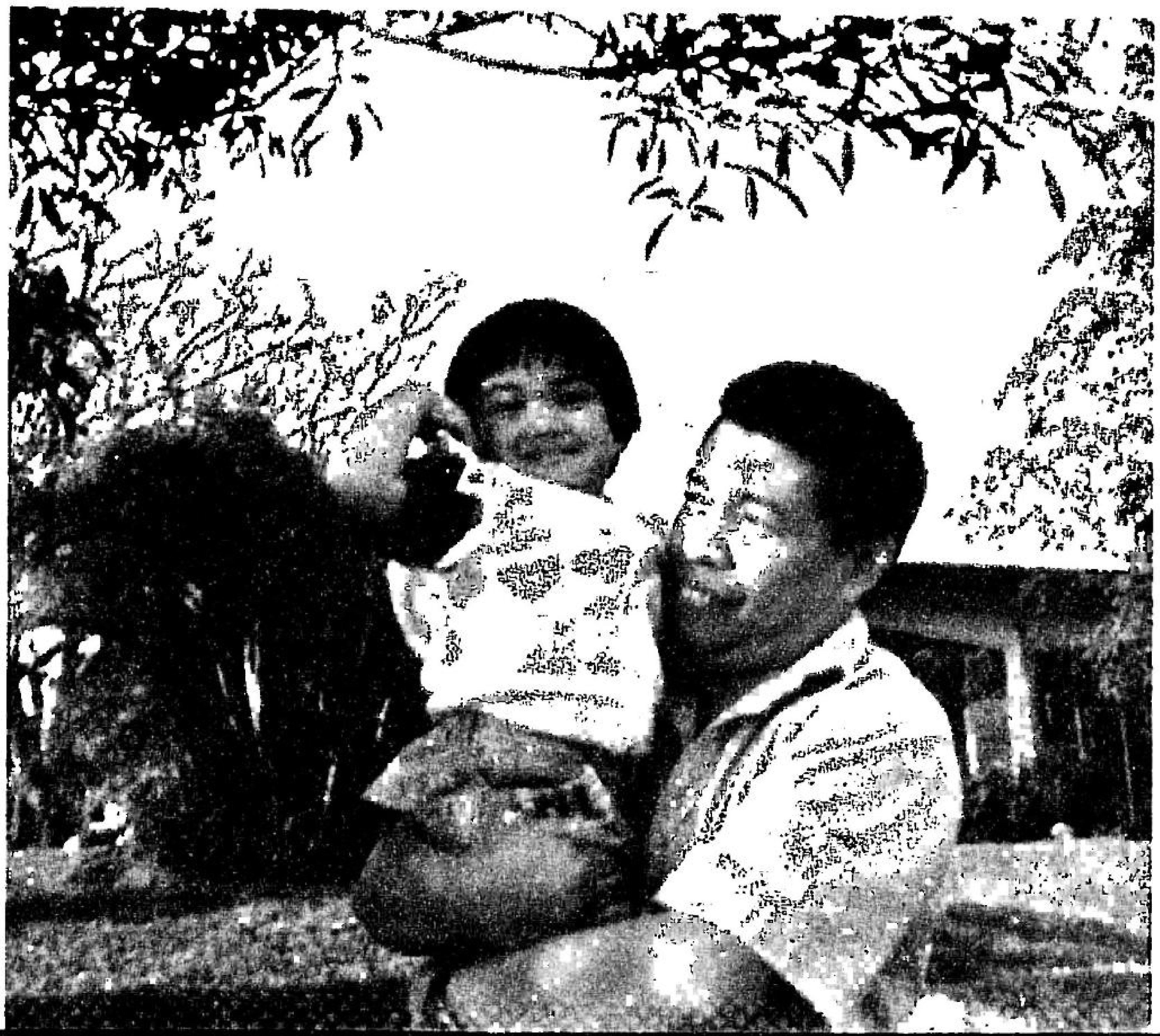
> *"I knew and loved Popoy at a time when he was stripped of everything and everybody despised him"*

Q: You have been part of the social development movement for a long time. What attracted you to this?

BJL: I think it's my upbringing. We were brought up to value the dignity of labor. I worked in our grocery during summer vacation since I was in Grade 2, usually as a cashier. My parents gave me a salary but it was also an opportunity to be friends with our workers. I was in Grade 6 when I started staying up late to listen to NUSP (National Union of Students of the Philippines) meetings held in our house, where my brother Edjop was a member.

When Martial Law was declared, I was an active Student Catholic Action member. The nuns told us we could no longer hold meetings inside the school. But I continued slipping in reams and reams of anti-Marcos manifestos hidden in boxes of T-shirts that I used to sell in school.

"He was a good Tatay to Leanne"



I was in third year high school when Edjop initiated a discussion of the book "Philippine Society and Revolution" with me and my other sisters. He was with the labor movement at that time and saw to it that his 10 sisters understood what he was fighting for.

I was also an active UPSCAN in college and my political consciousness was systematically developed. In 1977, my boyfriend Gerry Faustino, a student leader, was arrested and has been missing since. The military was already tracking me down by 1978. My parents had to file my leave of absence from the university so I could evade arrest.

Q: When did you go underground?

BJL: In 1979, I went up the Bicol mountains and started working with the peasants. I stayed there for three years but went down in 1982 to attend Edjop's funeral. He was killed in Mindanao.

Q: How did you meet Popoy?

BJL: I met Popoy in Bicol in 1981. His transfer from Nueva Ecija was part of the Party's disciplinary action for his participation in the 1978 elections. He became an observer in our district. Later, I came to know that he was the infamous Secretary of the Manila-Rizal Region. He was very quiet in our meetings and I used to encourage him to participate more.

Q: It's been said that Popoy married you to get even with Edjop.

BJL: (*Laughs*). The opposite is true. He later confessed that although

A simple wedding: "We had sapin-sapin as wedding cake"

he really liked me when we were still in Bicol, he was avoiding me because I'm Edjop's sister. He and Edjop had a falling out in 1978. He was very conscious of what people would think. We were already in Metro Manila when we established our relationship. True enough, many were shocked and intrigue spread like wildfire. The 1978 struggle was really intense. It was the first major showdown on the tactics of the revolution. Popoy was very passionate in proving the correctness of elections during the anti-dictatorship struggle, to the point of antagonizing the leadership. History proved him right. He was also responsible for organizing the 1978 noise barrage. Here was a glimpse of his concept of revolution, which became the seed of People Power eight years later. He was a man ahead of his time so he was often misunderstood.

Q: How did he court you? Or did you court him?

BJL: *Hindi talaga siya marunong manligaw. Nagkatitigan lang kami at nagkaintindihan na.* (He didn't know the first thing about courting a woman. But we looked at each other and it just happened). It was mutual understanding all the way. I knew and learned to love him at a time when he was stripped of everything *at inaalipusta ng lahat* (and everybody despised him), at a time when he was his simple self.

Q: Did you get married?

BJL: Yes, twice. The Party married us in 1984. We also had a church wedding the same year. There was no written invitation. I was only wearing a Sunday dress and Popoy was wearing a polo and borrowed shoes. Our church wedding was like a Mafia wedding. Even the guests did not know where the wedding would take place. All the cars were just guided to a quaint chapel and the guests left immediately after the reception. All the tables and chairs were whisked away as soon as the guests left. Ours was a very simple wedding. We only had *sapin-sapin* as our wedding cake.

Q: How was it to live with a revolutionary leader like Popoy?

BJL: We shared household responsibilities. He had no qualms doing housework and would wash clothes even if his comrades teased him about it. He also loved to cook, while I cleaned the house and did the ironing. When both our schedules became impossible, we kept the discussions and exchange of opinions in the evenings. I learned a lot from him. He was my mentor. He treated me as an equal and valued my opinions.

Q: It was said that Popoy conceptualized ideas while you implemented them.

BJL: Popoy never stopped thinking of how to advance the working class movement. He had a very fertile mind. He conceptualized things and would ask me to see to the details. I'm an organization person and very meticulous with details. It was a healthy partnership, so it was unfortunate that our marriage did not last.

Q: Were there problems in your personal relationship?

BJL: We separated two years ago. I was devastated but I had to face reality. It was only then when I realized that I had lost myself in the process of being a mother, wife and revolutionary. My world revolved around my husband, daughter and the revolution. Mothers should never lose their individuality. Family and careers are but bonuses that enhance our world. Losing them should never mean the end of the world.

Q: How did you cope?

BJL: Life had to go on and I wanted to ensure that Leanne and I could still be happy even after the separation. I wanted Popoy to be happy, too. We all deserve to be happy.

Being an optimist and feminist, I just looked at the good things in life. With lots of prayers, I am thankful that I found and regained myself in a month's time and received a lot of blessings along the way. For the past two years, being a mother to Leanne became a top priority. I also worked on my finances to secure Leanne's future since I had this feeling that I would have just one to two years to live. It turned out that it was Popoy who would go first. I also continue to work on the maternity protection for working women.

Popoy and I remained friends and he remained a good *Tatay* to Leanne. Right after the separation we even went out every week. Otherwise, he would set aside a whole day every month to spend with us.

Q: What did you gain from your relationship with him?

BJL: A person is enriched by every relationship. More than anything else, Popoy inspired me with his passion for the labor cause. I always cite his 1978 experience when the Party suspended him for implementing what he thought was the right tactic for the elections. He was stripped of his position and demoted to being an unarmed organizer in the militarized zone in Nueva Ecija. That was the time when his first wife Sally died during an encounter with the military. He thought that the Party wanted him killed. Sally's death, though very painful, did not weaken his resolve. He did not leave the Movement. The Movement has many weaknesses and faults, but Popoy remained steadfast in his belief. In the 16 years that we were together, he had very little sleep. Three years ago, he started to feel the toll on his body but that did not stop him. He always had the working class in mind in every decision that he made. It was very dangerous fighting Lucio Tan and Erap when he was working above ground, but he never had second thoughts.

Q: What legacy did he leave you?

BJL: Nothing material, no house or lot, no car or bank account. He always thought of the Movement first and it is so sad that until he died, he was being linked to PAL and Amari dealings. *Eh kahit nga pagpapaayos ng kanyang ngipin ay di niya mapaglaanan ng pera kahit halos hindi na siya makakain dahil dito* (Why, he couldn't even get his teeth fixed though he found it hard to eat because of this). All these moves to discredit him are the handiwork of (former President Fidel) Ramos and (former President Joseph) Estrada, who feel threatened by his influence on the labor movement.

Ang tanging naiwan niya sa amin ay ang kanyang pangalan (All he left us is his name). It's not the six-letter LAGMAN but all the things that go with it: dedication, integrity, nationalism. His revolutionary character, his reputation that I and his children will nurture.

Q: How do you see the future with your daughter Leanne?

BJL: Being a mother to Leanne is my top priority at present. I was not able to do this for the past seven years. I will try to rear her to be a woman for others. She is sad that her *Tatay* won't be able to see her grow up and be the President of the Philippines because she wants to realize the kind of society we've been fighting for. Our lives will surely have an impact on our daughter. One day when Leanne grows up, I am sure that she will not hesitate – together with her *Kuya* Dante and *Ate* Iskra – to follow the path her parents took.

I will continue networking with mothers but this time, I'll prioritize women workers and establish support groups to empower them and help them do their roles effectively. I believe that the role of the mother is very significant in molding the consciousness of the next generation.

Poetry

Gabriel, At The Writers' Workshop, Decides To Quit His Job

this man is from baguio, and
he has rarely been to the sea

once, at the beach, he spends
the afternoon skipping stones

i quite enjoy this, he tells
us, i have found my calling

Kris Lanot Lacaba

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Theater Tales

by Cora Llamas

In town recently to pave the way for more productions, Jorge Ortoll, executive director of the acclaimed Ma-Yi Theater Company, talks about the evolving identity of Filipinos in the US, as seen onstage

Bridging the Dramatic Gap

IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST HAUNTING, BITTERSWEET ENDINGS I'VE EVER SEEN IN A DRAMATIC PRODUCTION.

IN SOME FORGOTTEN CALIFORNIAN BEACH, FREQUENTED ONLY BY THE LONELY, THE LAZY AND THE DESPERATE, A 17-YEAR-OLD KID, HIS SKIN COLOR NEITHER TOTALLY BROWN NOR TOTALLY WHITE, CHANTS A MANTRA, THE ONLY WORDS HE HAS LEARNED ABOUT HIS OUT-OF-TOUCH PARENTS' MOTHER TONGUE. THE ORANGE-HAIRED BOY SAYS THE ALMOST UNPRONOUNCEABLE SYLLABLES WITH A SOLEMNITY HE NEVER LEARNED FROM SCHOOL OR CHURCH; THE WORDS ARE LIKE HIS LAST REMAINING TIES TO A COUNTRY HE NEVER REALLY KNEW, WHICH SOMEHOW HAS SOME BEARING ON THE CRAZY CONFUSION HE HAS BEEN FEELING.

A very old woman, taken from some distant hovel of a town in that far country, had taught him those words before she passed away. Their short time together on the beach had forged a bond between them. They were two strangers trying to make a home in a strange land. As a memento or a good-luck charm, the old woman had taught him how to say "I love you" in Filipino.

The boy sighs deeply and begins to mouth the words, "*Ang pangit mo....*" The stage lights go off to the sounds of his heartfelt, if mistaken, chant.

It was productions like "Flipzoids," penned by New-York-based Pinoy playwright Ralph Peña, that made a name for the Ma-Yi Theater Company in the US. The same play got standing ovations during its brief two-day run at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) a couple of years ago. Founded in 1989, Ma-Yi is a non-profit artistic organization that aims to "develop and present new plays and performance works that essay the Filipino-American experience ... prodded by the growing need to provide a developmental venue for Pan-Asian texts..."

"Bringing a Filipino play that was written and staged originally in Manila to the US is not the same as producing a Fil-American play in the US," explains Jorge Ortoll, Ma-Yi's executive director. "The situations, problems, issues are different. We tried a few – translating Filipino plays — and they did not do well."

Theatrical protests against the Marcos regime during the '70s simply flew over the audience's collective head, while traditional classics that Manila viewers revered came across as detached museum pieces. According to US-based critics who had seen the company's plays, there was – and still is – an enormous need for theater that will mirror the experiences of Fil-Ams in the US and address their unique concerns rooted in the intermixing of race and culture.

Ma-Yi, which started out as a little 20-minute show for a book launch, is filling this void admirably. Its two-play season has been seeing 99-seater full houses during its regular four-week-end run. With an average of 2,000 people per run (respectable for Off-Off Broadway shows), the still untapped market of 25 million Fil-Ams indicates that there's nowhere to go but up.

Ortoll was in town recently, partly to look into the possibility of arranging a Ma-Yi performance in Manila, probably in co-production with Tanghalang Pilipino (TP). Chris Millado, TP's associate artistic director, is a Ma-Yi alumnus. Millado's "PeregriNasyon" (Wandering) counterpointed the lives of two brothers, a rebel in a Filipino barrio and a laborer in rural America, to show the love-hate relationship of Pinoy immigrants and colonists with their conqueror in the 1930s. Like "Flipzoids," it had gotten positive reviews from US critics and was also briefly staged at the CCP.

A scene from "Flipzoids" featuring Ching Valdes-Aran, Obie awardee for best performer

Roger Margallo

Jorge Ortoll contemplates the future of Fil-Ams as depicted in the theater

Ortoll hopes to stage by November the Manila run of "Swoony Planet," authored by 30something Filipino-Chinese playwright Han Ong, considered a prodigy by many. The teenage Ong settled with his family in the US in the '80s. He ditched high school, bent on focusing his energies towards a career in dramaturgy. In 1998, Ong became the youngest Asian-American recipient of the McArthur Foundation "Genius" Award.

A lot of Ma-Yi's creative turnout can be traced to the collaboration between Ortoll and Peña, the company's artistic director. The two share similar experiences: both are Filipino professionals who made their way to the US where their passion for theater flourished. Prior to discovering his dramatic vocation, Peña was an accounting graduate from the University of the Philippines (UP). Ortoll worked with Citibank Manila by day and acted with Repertory Philippines by night, before moving abroad to handle his family's real estate investment and management firm. He is now in charge of Ma-Yi's marketing and publicity.

Ma-Yi has been expanding its tent beyond Filipino-Americans. Its network of artists and audience alike has grown to include other Asians like Laotians, Cambodians and Vietnamese.

It's also about time, said Ortoll, that the company eases up a little on its soul-searching themes.

"We are going beyond the immigration experience," Ortoll acknowledges. "Now we're into doing modern plays – which talk about opium and prejudice, for example – and which just happen to be written by American-Asians. While 'Mysteries' is about a Filipino-American woman filmmaker, the issue of the play is about art versus commerce. And not about the same old question: 'Who am I?' or 'What does it mean to be Fil-Am?'"

The racial and cultural family that Ma-Yi is considering is much broader now. Its time frame is also longer.

"We can't be compartmentalized," Ortoll aptly describes it. "We are talking about generations down the line here."

All in the Game

text and photographs
by [illegible] Lacsamana

The prize find in the 2001 PBA draft, Fil-Am player Mark "The Spark" Caguioa remains Filipino in attitude and demeanor.

More Pinoy Than Meets the Eye

YES, JUANA, MARK CAGUIOA, THE TREASURED FIND IN THE 2001 PBA DRAFT, IS AS FILIPINO AS HIS NOSE. HE'S MISTAKEN FOR A FIL-AM ONLY BECAUSE HE GREW UP IN THE STATES, BUT HE CONVERSES IN FLUENT TAGALOG, AS HE DID DURING THIS WHOLE INTERVIEW.

"*Pakisabi lang po, huwag naman nila akong Inglisin kasi nagta-Tagalog naman po ako* (Please tell them not to talk to me in English because I do speak Tagalog)," he says half-pleadingly, amused that his familiarity with the language surprises the PBA-friendly. "Only the hair color has changed."

Plus, of course, the fact that he is 21 now, 6'1" and is fast becoming an exciting presence in the PBA. The minute he gets off the bench, the crowd stirs.

"I didn't expect a warm reception here. It really feels great. Nobody ever knew me before the draft," says the Ginebra rookie. "I didn't even know what a big following Barangay Ginebra has. I just learned about it when I went to Glorietta. They must've thought, they got Blondie. What can he bring to the team?"

He says of the role that he's accustomed to, "They got me as the sixth man who will give off sparks in the game." But he did have his share of debut jitters and embarrassment. See, he often watches Danny Ildefonso on the Internet. And in the match against San Miguel, when Mark was nursing doubts about bungling a shot, and his thought energies translated into reality, guess who was nearby. "I slipped right in front of Danny!"

Of course, he's not uptight anymore. His figures bear that out. Mark the Spark averages 13.4 points-5.3 rebounds-1.6 assists per game. He leads the stats in the rookie race, among those off the bench and the non-starters. Considering that he hasn't shaken his jet lag yet, getting by on only two hours of sleep. "My body clock is still adjusting."

Mark left his native Mandaluyong when he was 10, with no inkling whatsoever that he would one day return to play big-time hoops. He remembers little of his childhood except for those escapades to the Pasig riverbank and to the old Ruby factory soda ash stockyard.

"I loved to tumble on the sharp sand. Mom Remy didn't like that because I often went home with my legs slashed. She was also afraid I'd drown. To teach me a lesson, she'd make me kneel on rock salt," he beams. Shortly he turns pensive. "What happened to my old playground? Why have they turned it into a dumpyard?"

Good question, Mark!

A late bloomer at Eagle Rock High School, he started shooting baskets alone at age 14. Chanced upon by a coach during lunch break, he was trained for the varsity team in the 9th grade. Inactive there, he asked to be transferred to the junior varsity, where he averaged 24 points.

In 12th grade, a flurry of events ensued. "Mexican coach Julian Andrade, pushed me to a 27-point average. I was scouted by the Division 1 people. Among 150 standouts in California, most of whom were black, I ranked fourth."

Mark Caguioa insists that only his hair color has changed.

In 1997, the young off-guard with two school records under his belt – one for points made, and the other, for most points of the season —was hands down choice for Eagle Rock High School MVP.

Mark the Spark felt right at home on the hardwood

"Various scouts wanted me in the leagues in and out of California. I already qualified for Division 1 but I didn't go since I would be sent to Hawaii. I don't know anybody there. It's hard when you get homesick," the Glendale Community College sophomore bares.

Besides, the would-be physical therapist had set his heart on joining the NBA. "I know I can't but I just want to know how far I can go. That was one thing that kept me from coming over."

Another factor was the perennial champion Caguioa family team, which included his dad Ricardo and Mark's uncles. "We played in the California Filipino league organized by Dick Padron and where PBA greats Danny Florencio and Adriano Papa used to play. It included blacks but we were always in the highest division."

Fil-Ams Ali Peek, Tony dela Cruz, Don Carlos Allado, Robert Duat and Asi Taulava at one time or another were also his teammates.

Adds the two-time California All-City MVP, "Without Dad, the strong influence in my life, I wouldn't be here in the PBA. But it was Mom who convinced me to come home. She's like a buddy who listens first before speaking her mind. I can tell her everything."

Caguioa is probably one of those who beat hot-hands Allan Caidic four times in a row in a good-natured "first-to-sink 10 3-points" shootout. An observer relates, "*Biruan lang.* The first time was a let's-see thing for coach. The second, coach held back. The third was a play for dinner. The fourth was another play for dinner."

"From a 9-point average in California, I'm now doing 13, coming off the bench. I've got to work harder, though. I wouldn't want to be seen struggling on the floor," says Mark.

Of course, Juana. He has personal standards to maintain.

Cover Story

By [illegible]

After four years of drawing some of the industry's best-kno
comic book characters, including [illegible] X-Men, and [illegible]
recognized as one of the world's most popular comic book artists
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Pencil Power

IF LEINIL FRANCIS YU POSSESSED A MUTANT POWER, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE HIS ABILITY TO WORK NONSTOP. FUELED BY STARBUCKS COFFEE AND KEPT COMPANY BY THE TV, NEIL USUALLY DRAWS FROM MIDNIGHT INTO LUNCH. DON'T BE FOOLED BY HIS UNASSUMING DEMEANOR. HE HAS RUBBED OUT WOLVERINE MANY TIMES OVER. HE HAS ALSO ERASED, REPEATEDLY, MAGNETO, SABRETOOTH AND THE REST OF MARVEL COMICS' MUTANTS.

Neil's panels are extremely dynamic, with characters always in motion and seemingly ready to burst out of the frame with their ample armor and fearsome energy

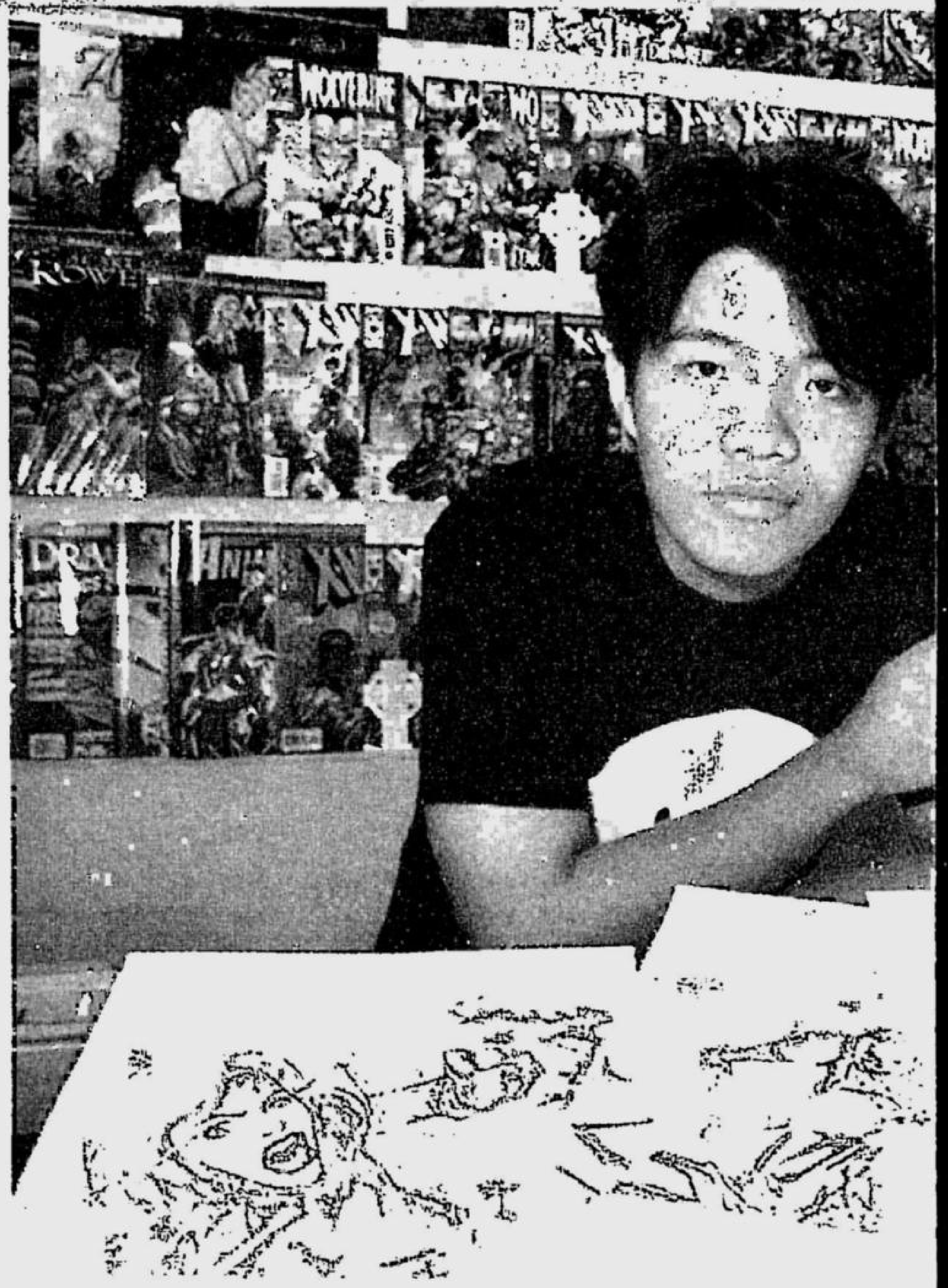
That's because Neil, despite the easy laughter and the shy smile, is already, at 23, one of the world's most popular comic book artists after four years of doing the pencils of industry best-sellers "Wolverine" and "X-Men." "It's really amazing," he says. "This is really a dream job." He earned his mutant merit badge by first illustrating "Wolverine" back in 1997, gaining kudos on his work on Marvel's resident tough guy. Last year, he got the chance of a lifetime when he finally moved on to "X-Men," the industry's no. 2 title. Now, after millions of Marvel comics sold, Neil moves on to something new when he leaves Marvel in June. "I'm going to work on my own characters now," he notes, "which is the dream of any comic book artist anywhere." For him, that dream began quietly-but became a reality faster than you can say "Snikt!"

THIS is the origin of the phenomenal Neil Yu. Born to Leonilio and Leilani Yu, Neil was the youngest of five siblings and was artistically precocious quite early. He actually began drawing comic characters before he began reading comics. "I was in fifth grade in Cebu when my mom gave me a copy of 'How to Draw Comics The Marvel Way,'" he remembers. Armed with the how-to manual, Neil began his hobby of sketching and scribbling. Yet he would not begin to read comics until he was in third year high school, in St. Joseph's Academy in Las Piñas. "I hadn't seen comics in a while and I borrowed a copy of Todd McFarlane's 'Spawn,'" Neil gushes, "and wow, it just blew me away." The fan of comic book art quickly became a comic book fan, period.

Inspired by the success of US-based Filipino comic artist Whilce Portacio (who drew "Uncanny X-Men," "Wetworks" and "Stone"), Neil began dreaming of becoming a comic book artist as well. "Actually I thought it was really easy, but I thought that breaking in would be difficult," he recalled. He got his first taste of working in comics through the short-lived US comic company Entity Comics, drawing for the title "Aster." He also continued to submit work abroad and usually got encouraging comments back. But his big break came when he was already in second year at the University of the Philippines, taking up Visual Communications. "Whilce came back to the Philippines to do a talent search for a studio of artists he was forming," Neil explains, "and I tried out."

Neil got the gig and left school in 1996. But work did not come right away, and Neil had to rely on his parents to support him while he was waiting. "They believed in what I wanted to do and were very supportive," he says. The wait would stretch into a year – and then Neil got the job that would change his life.

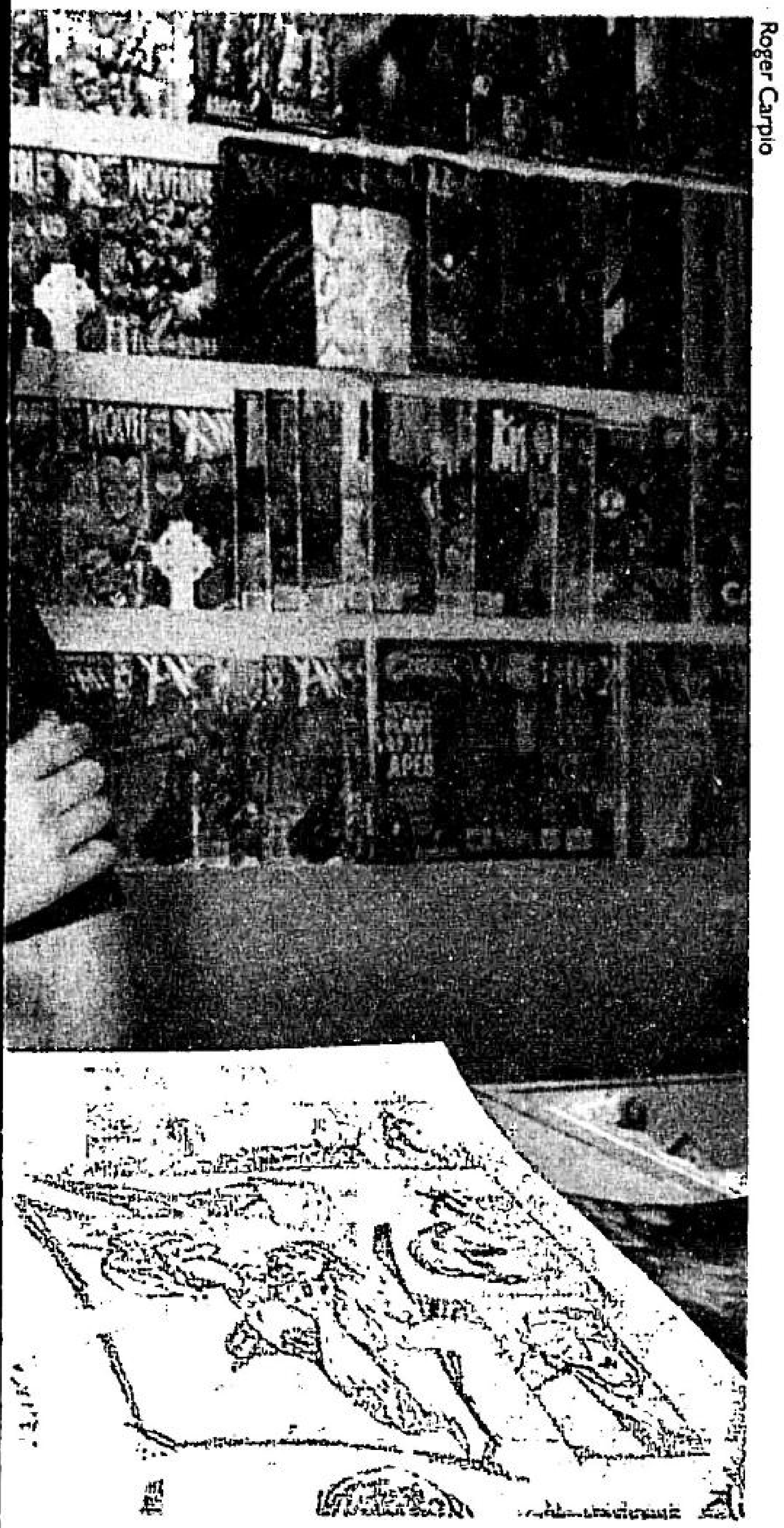
WHEN Marvel Comics was looking for new artists in 1997, Whilce flew back to the States and brought with him samples of Neil's work. The people at Marvel loved it and immediately put him to work on one of their top sellers, "Wolverine." It was a spectacular arrival for the young Neil. "It was really fast, I imagined I would be working on smaller titles first. I was really surprised." Nevertheless, Neil was up to the task, developing a taste for art that he would hone throughout his time on the title.



For Neil Yu, there's no business like the comic book business

Neil's panels are extremely dynamic, with characters always in motion and seemingly ready to burst out of the frame with their ample armor and fearsome energy – and always impressive from any angle. "Whilce had a lot to do with the foundations of my skill," Neil notes, adding that he put in a lot of time and effort to produce the work he does. Comic fans drooled over his work, and he landed in the industry bible Wizard: The Comics Magazine's Top Ten Artists list, eventually topping it. Incidentally, he's still on it. His run on "Wolverine" and subsequent run of "X-Men" also brought him into collaboration with some of the comics' most brilliant writers, including one his own favorites, Warren Ellis, something that still shocks Neil. He was in fact working on "X-Men" when the Bryan Singer movie demolished the worldwide box office. "That was amazing," he remembers.

All this had been made possible by the power of FedEx, as Neil didn't have to leave the country to churn out pages from Marvel. So he would just send his art by courier. It is a job that requires patience and diligence as he is given five weeks to pencil 22 pages from a writer's script; an inker and colorist will fill in the rest. Because he only flew to the United States three years after he began working on "Wolverine," he had no idea how popular he had become. Boom. On a visit to San Diego, the number of people who knew his work just



Roger Carpio

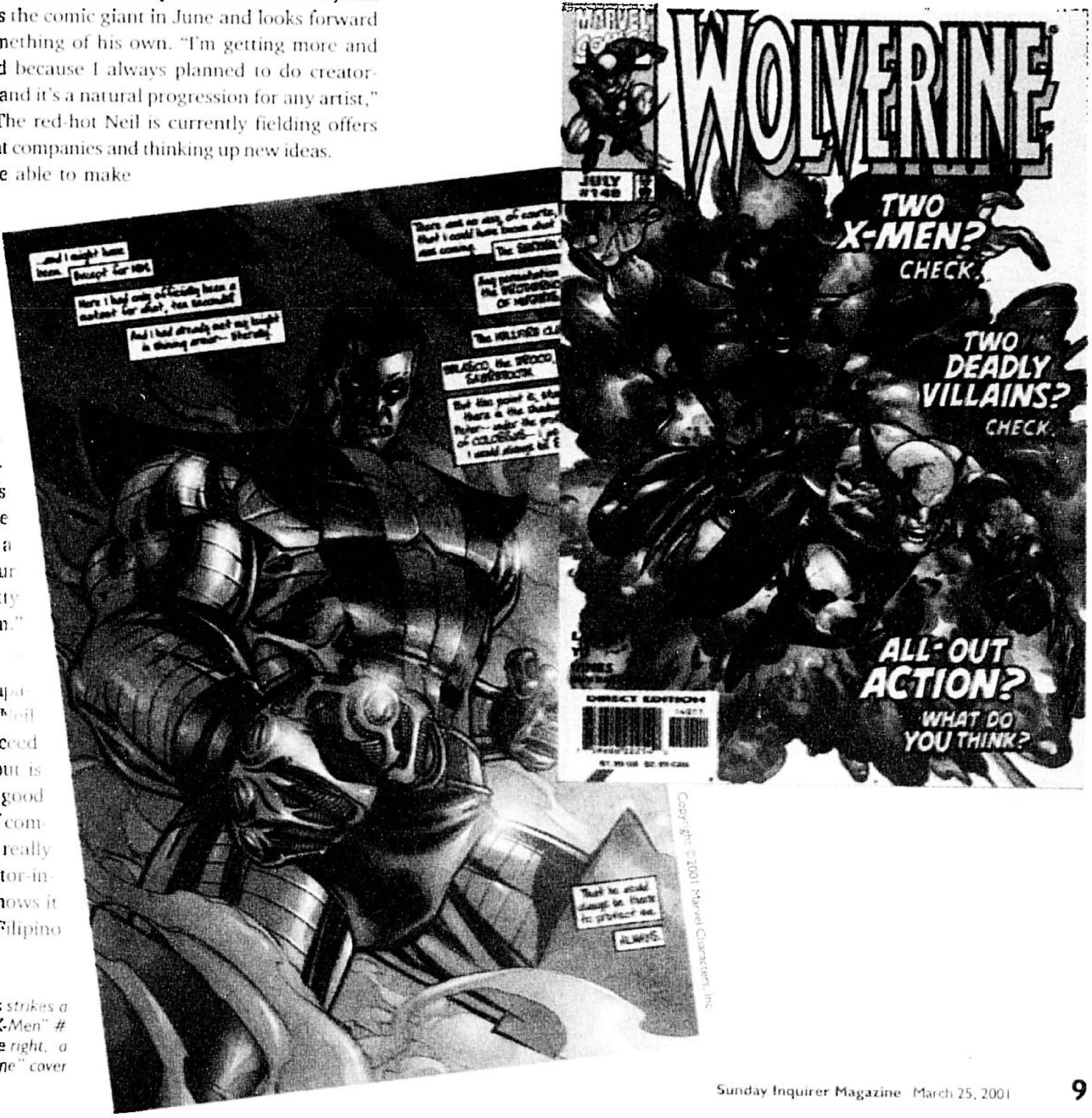
overwhelmed Neil. "I have more fans there than I do here," he laughs.

That fact has also served Neil well, keeping him grounded. He keeps a messy apartment that doubles as his studio and struggles to maintain a normal life, catching movies, going out with his friends, and getting lost in a game of "Counter Strike." Neil usually procrastinates for most of the day after he wakes up late in the afternoon. Then he goes out and works only upon returning. He may be a comic book superstar, but he is just 23, after all.

FOLLOWING a creative shakeup at Marvel's X-titles, Neil finally leaves the comic giant in June and looks forward to doing something of his own. "I'm getting more and more excited because I always planned to do creator-owned stuff and it's a natural progression for any artist," he smiles. The red-hot Neil is currently fielding offers from different companies and thinking up new ideas. "I want to be able to make an impact before my name becomes stale." He finds the comic business relatively stable and hopes to work there as long as he can. "It's a pretty good business." Mike Simbulan, proprietor of the four-store Comic Quest chain, says Neil "has gotten as high as you can possibly get, working on the industry's consistent top seller and topping the Wizard list." While Mike notes that it is always difficult to break away from such a phenomenal seller as "X-Men" and create something of your own, he believes Neil's chances of continued success are pretty good. "With his abilities, his fans will most likely follow him."

Neil, in fact, is the most prominent of a new generatio[illegible] pino [illegible] mic book artists working [illegible] gularly for Americ[illegible] ompa[illegible] uding Whilce, Gerry Alanguilan and Ja Anacleto. "Neil epitomizes the professionalism that you need to have to succeed in the industry," Mike explains. "What makes him stand out is that he delivers and delivers on time." Mike considers Neil a good barometer for the promise of Filipino talent in the future of comics. "With all these talented creators, we've proven that we really do have a place in the comics industry." Budjette Tan, editor-in-chief of the local comic company Alamat, says that Neil "shows it can be done, and that makes him an inspiration to every Filipino artist who wishes to someday reach the international markets."

All this Neil takes in stride, always cherishing the fact he is living out a dream and also pursuing perfection as a dedicated artist. "I want to continue improving as an artist," he resolves. Beyond the money and the acclaim, he still says there's nothing quite like holding that comic book you made in your hands. In the end Leinil Francis Yu is a super-powered fan living out a dream of panels, word balloons and color. "When the comic book comes out, and the fans see it, it's a different kind of high," he smiles. "I feel very lucky to be in this line of work."



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At right, Colossus strikes a pose from "X-Men" #110; above right, a "Wolverine" cover

Artwatch

by [illegible]

The young men of Ugat-Lahi, creators of the hit effigies that paraded the streets during anti-Erap rallies, believe in art as a collective effort that should work beyond gallery walls to help transform society.

Bringing Art to the Streets

IF THEY WERE A MOVIE, THEY'D BE SOMETHING BY QUENTIN TARANTINO CROSSED WITH ONE BY LINO BROCKA'S. THEY LIVE OUT OF THEIR BACKPACKS, AND MOST OF THE TIME THEY ARE UNSHAVEN AND UNKEMPT.

Meet Mideo Cruz, 28; Emil Mercado, 26; and Nino Tagaro, 20, members of Ugat-Lahi, the Metro Manila-based organization of visual artists. Other members of the team are Raoul "EG" Rodriguez, 27, Jose Luis "JL" Burgos, 27, and RG Concepcion, 21.

> *"The artists' involvement in society is important." They can make their talents, their gifts work for other people, and not just for money or fame"*

The only rose among the thorns is Fey Arlene Brosas, chief confidante and mother superior to the lot. Except for Arlene, who's a Humanities teacher at UP Manila, the Ugat-Lahi folks are undergraduates — a euphemism for dropouts — from the University of Santo Tomas (UST). They all wish they could go back to finish their degrees, but considering what they've been doing in the meantime, their alma mater would do well to recognize their efforts.

Along with other artist groups like Tambisan sa Sining, Sining Bugkos, Alay-Sining, Concerned Artists of the Philippines (CAP) and Musicians for Peace, they brought a militant yet festive air to anti-Estrada rallies with their bright murals, colorful masks and papier machê effigies of despised government officials.

Their last masterpiece was Erapzilla, the fire-breathing monster which was subdued and consequently burnt to ashes in Mendiola during the Welga ng Mamamayan in November last year. It was an awesome sight: some 10 feet tall, reptilian green and typhoid yellow, the monster took Ugat only four days to put together – four days during which the team ate a lot but slept little.

Apparently, they can't help but develop fondness for the effigies they make. "It's something like the Pygmalion complex," they say sheepishly. The artistic temperament is not always easy to fathom, but the term "artist" itself, however, makes the Ugat-Lahi men somewhat uncomfortable, Mideo tries to explain. He has a self-deprecating manner that belies how knowledgeable he is about art criticism and theory. "The word itself is so tainted with elitism — even pretentiousness. The images attached to it are almost always romantic, like we're all prone to cutting off our left ears, or sticking our heads inside ovens. We much prefer being called 'cultural workers.'"

So cultural work is what they do. Unlike most artists, they don't just create art and draw paintings, shoot photographs, put together installations, sponsor workshops or hold exhibits; they organize other artists and encourage members of the basic sectors to express their own creative talents.

In short, they're trying to build a network among artists in the various fields of music, theater and literature. So far, they have the support of the likes of respected literary critic and poet Gelacio Guillermo, alternative music icon Chikoy Pura, and acclaimed cartoonists Nonoy Marcelo and Neil Doloricon.

Ugat-Lahi takes off where other artist groups from the dark days of Martial Law until the pre-Edsa 1 period left off. Collective work, shared ideas and creativity, and the unspoken but well understood "service to the people" motivation made up the backbone of these groups, among them Nagkakaisang Progresibong Artista at Arkitekto (NPAA), Salingpusa, Sanggawa and Kaisahan.

"There is a need for those in the Filipino visual art scene to get together and do something constructive, make a dent in society. Artists have always been known to be individualists, egoists. We'd like to help change that a bit, and encourage collective work in creating art," Mideo says.

Emil concurs. He's a laconic type who speaks in a monotone, keeping his arms crossed all the while.

"Instead of aiming for notoriety or novelty, or plain self-expression, artists could so much to speak to society about its ills and help in its transformation," Emil says. "It's sad that some artists' goals center around creating a stir, creating something whose meaning is so imbedded in the work that most of it escapes most people. We believe in concrete messages, delivered creatively and directly."

And what messages are those?

"That artists' involvement in society is important. That they can help in affecting the status quo and looking for a better state of things. Make their talents, their gifts work for other people, and not just for money or fame," he says.

Some would probably think that they're too young to make such statements, and are much too idealistic; but then again, their experiences in the so-called art scene seem to give them the license.

"*Pag pumunta ka sa* exhibit, you're keenly aware of how much the stuff that's hanging on the wall costs," Nino says, shaking his head.

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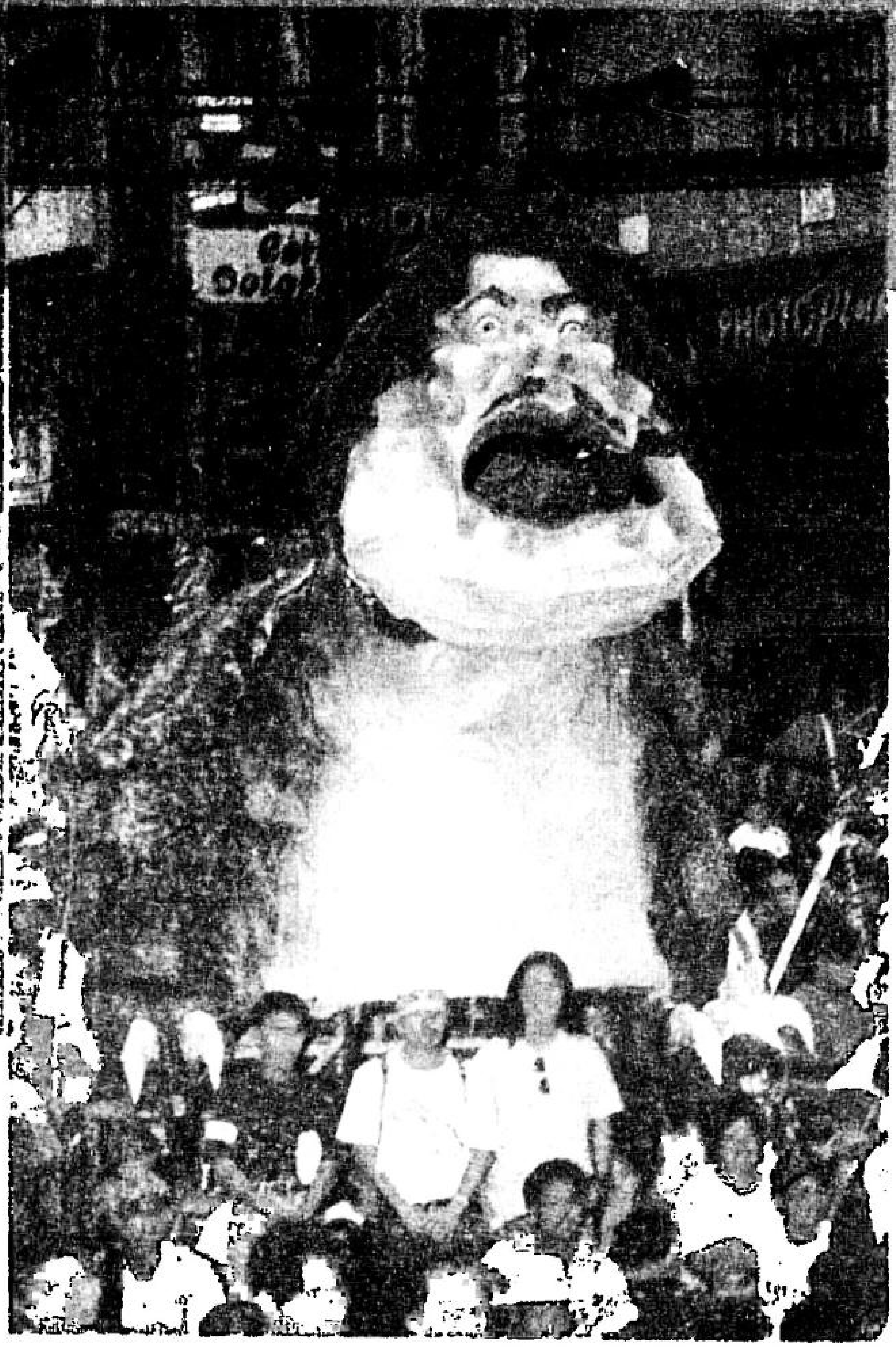
The gang's all here (Left to right, top row): Brutus Tan, Emil Mercado, EG Rodriguez, JL Burgos, bottom row: RG Concepcion and Arlene Brosas



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Make way for Erapzilla: Ugat-Lahi's masterwork on Mendiola

Jun Resurreccion

Nino Tagaro at work, above; Mideo Cruz protesting at the opening night of "Miss Saigon," right

"You don't think whether a painting's ugly or what, or what the darn thing is trying to say. Mostly you look at the orange dot, the tag price, and wonder how the heck the painting managed to get itself sold when it doesn't seem to mean anything at all. A squiggle, a dash, curlicues, what?"

Nino is the youngest of the Ugat-Lahi boys, but he has seen more than his share of picketlines and the interiors of squalid shanties. And to think he began his drawing career at age 9 by copying pictures of the Original Regal Babies from the papers.

But no one lives solely by painting canvases, shaping clay, or tie-dyeing shirts. Sometimes they need to get away from the smell of turpentine, so they go on mountain climbs and treks. They're not exactly a bunch of artists starving in the garret, but their pockets are almost always woefully empty. "That's why Emil's favorite medium is pencil. *Mura kasi,"* Mideo points out. "Thank God for the rackets."

Their vices, aside from lining the walls of their lungs with tar and nicotine or the occasional let's-get-drunk-for-fun sessions, include movies and collecting toys that come with fastfood kiddie meals. It shouldn't come as a surprise either that they like to roam the halls of the various toy kingdoms in the malls.

These childlike interests are also, perhaps, what pushed them to teach kids. The last three summers, the Ugat-Lahi men have been invited to conduct workshops for kids in urban and rural poor communities, as well as for those undergoing therapy in the Children's Resource Center (CRC). They taught kids aged 5-12 how to paint, make cutouts, shape things from Play Dough, and the usual kiddie crafts.

What's unusual about the workshops Mideo and his mates give, however, is the kids themselves. They are encouraged to speak about their creations, drawn with crayons, pastels, or watercolors, and what they describe, what they depict are images that should never be connected with childhood. The children render on bond paper memories that children shouldn't own.

"There's really more to children than adults think. They feel quite strongly and they remember a lot more than we realize," Emil says.

Some of the children in the workshops were victims of hamletting in the countryside. They drew bullet-strafed nipa huts, black-faced men lobbing grenades and fallen banana and coconut trees. Crushed under the trees were people.

Mideo is also unable to forget one workshop where a boy, 10 or 11 years old, did not get to explain his drawing. Instead, he stood shaking and crying in front of the group, his drawing clutched tightly in his fist.

"These kids have seen war and it will be hard for them to forget," he says quietly.

Mideo, Emil, Nino and the rest of the Ugat-Lahi men have no ambitions of winning awards, but they would like to have a bigger venue, to accommodate a bigger audience. They have so far held exhibitions at the UP Vargas Hall, the Ayala Museum and at Surrounded by Water.

At the height of the protests against Estrada, Ugat-Lahi came up with its own alliance of anti-Estrada forces. Ugat-Lahi is one of the head convenors of Artists for Social Action and Response (ASAR) Against Erap. ASAR was—and is—an alliance of artists from various disciplines, and the initial unity was to help in the campaign to kick Estrada out. They sponsored poetry readings, roundtable discussions, and free concerts at the Freedom Bar and '70s Bistro in Quezon City and at the Penguin Café in Malate. Now, ASAR continues to exist though the Estrada presidency has ceased to. Ugat-Lahi, as one of the prime movers, is helping put together a web page, a fanzine, and will soon hold street plays and concerts.

"The point is to make art serve a purpose, have fun doing it, and make people see art as something more than just decoration or expressions of the self," says Mideo. "It's a language, it's an instrument, dare to use it for a worthy cause."

A **Credible** Voice

Satur Ocampo finally seeks public office to represent the masses through Bayan Muna

EVEN detractors of the Left concede: Satur Ocampo is easily the most acceptable voice of the marginalized sectors that Bayan Muna seeks to represent in Congress. Blessed with calm and reason, he is considered a moderating influence on the often explosive dialogue between government and leftist groups. But the former spokesman of the National Democratic Front brushes aside the politics of personality and would rather focus on the party which he describes as "representing all marginalized and under-represented sectors, mainly the workers, peasants, fisherfolk, urban poor, indigenous peoples, women, youth, overseas contract workers and professionals."

Ocampo: "The people first"

Aside from Ocampo, Bayan Muna's other nominees are labor leader Crispin Beltran of the Kilusang Mayo Uno, Liza Maza of Gabriela, Joel Virador from Mindanao and Siegfred Deduro from the Visayas. "All are veteran leaders of the progressive mass movement since the '60s and '70s, and have proven records of dedication to the interests and aspirations of the people," says Ocampo.

The party, he adds, "seeks to advance and protect both the long-term interests and the urgent demands of the basic sectors, such as higher wages and protection for the workers, land for the peasants, gender equality for women, and lower tuition fees and quality education for the youth.

What are your core values, commitments and beliefs?
Serve the people. "The people first" is the name of our party as well as our call. We stand for national independence from foreign domination (economic, political, cultural, military), for liberation from social and economic inequalities, and for a government of and by the majority of the people, not of the elite.

What drives and motivates you?
The unresolved historical inequities carried over from colonial rule, and our people's unflagging quest for national freedom, justice, development and peace.

What experiences shaped who you are?
My cumulative experiences since childhood as a peasant boy with core Christian values (e.g., love your neighbor as yourself), my radicalization as a student and journalist-activist, and maturation as a social revolutionary.

When you think of leadership, what words and images come to mind?
Leadership includes dedication to achieving the long-term objective and the urgent tasks, ability to listen to other views and test one's own against them, humility and willingness to admit and correct mistakes, and setting the example for others to follow.

What have you done that you're proudest of in your public life?
Having gone through all the rigors of revolutionary struggle and emerging from more than 12 years' political detention without being proven guilty of any crime, and never having incurred the personal hate of anyone despite the views that I hold.

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

It's Your **Choice**

Editor's note: Last issue, the ***Sunday Inquirer Magazine*** *began its contribution to the Philippine Daily Inquirer's "Voter's Voice: Eleksyon 2001" coverage with a continuing series of short profiles of candidates. Each issue, the magazine will feature some senatorial candidates, either party-affiliated or independent, to help voters get to know the people running for national positions. We will also speak to some party list representatives and, as a reminder that this election will have repercussions in our very own backyards, a few unique stories of local government candidates from small communities all over the country. We will feature the interviews as they come; thus, the candidates will be profiled in no particular order. We are proud to be carrying out this project in cooperation with GMA-7. Watch out for more profiles of the senatorial candidates every evening on GMA's news programs "Saksi" and "Front Page."*

LIWAYWAY VINZONS-**CHATO**

Reporma-LM-People Power Coalition

BORN in Daet, Camarines Sur, Liwayway Vinzons-Chato earned her bachelor's degree magna cum laude at the University of Santo Tomas and finished law at the University of the Philippines. She is best known for having served as hard-hitting commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue from 1993 to 1998, and for taking erstwhile presidential crony Lucio Tan to task for tax evasion. She is currently managing partner of the Chato Eleazar & Liboro Law Office. She was chosen one of the 12 Outstanding Women in Government by the National Press Club and one of the Outstanding Filipino Women by the National Centennial Commission's National Commission on the Role of Women, both in 1998. She is married to Wilfredo M. Chato; they have five children.

In one sentence, what is your campaign platform?
To pursue a legislative program of people empowerment through judicious fiscal management and leveling of the playing field in all areas of human activity and in every sector of society.

Of your accomplishments, which are you proudest of?
Motherhood.

How do you define leadership?
Leadership is caring, nurturing, and serving the best interest of the greatest majority. Being a good example or a role model.

What thinkers/books/figures have influenced your thinking?
Jesus Christ and the Bible.

Eric S. Caruncho

ORLANDO "ORLY" S. **MERCADO**

Independent-Puwersa ng Masa

FORMER defense secretary, two-term senator (1987 and 1992), Batasang Pambansa member, environmentalist, broadcaster, and pre-martial law student activist, Mercado first came to prominence as host of the public service program "Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko." He earned his doctorate degree in political science from the University of the Philippines. He was born in Manila and is married to the former Dr. Susan D. Pineda.

Who has been the most important person in your life and what did you learn from him?
My father, Guillermo Mercado. He was a public school teacher and was my first teacher. He taught me how to read and instilled in me a love for the written word. On Sundays after going to church, he would take us to the USIS library or to the museum. My interest in books and music is an influence of my father.

What is your favorite book? Last book read?
"The Lexus and the Olive Tree" by Thomas Friedman. "Maestro" by Bob Woodward.

If you could go back and undo one decision in your public life, what would it be and why?
I would not have voted for the Land Reform Act. It was a law that attempted to please both the farmers and the landlords and ended up displeasing both. I would have opted for a more lasting albeit painful legacy – a law that would have provided for support systems and an enabling environment for farmers to sustain agricultural activity.

What is the most important decision you ever made?
My decision to help put an end to the Estrada administration. It was a heart-wrenching decision because it was a choice between friendship and my duty and commitment to others.

Tell us a time when you voted your conscience in the face of strong public opinion.
On September 16, 1991, when we had to vote on the ratification of the US Bases Agreement. During that time, based on surveys, we knew that 70 percent of the population believed that the bases should stay.

What experiences shaped who you are?
Poverty shaped who I am today. Detention during the martial law years gave me the resolve to fight for what I believe in.

What have you done that you are proudest of in your public life or political career?
Standing up to star-studded generals (mostly retired) on the matter of protecting the pension fund of the soldiers, cleaning up the veterans fund and instituting an e-commerce-based procurement reform system.

When you think about leadership, what words and images come to mind?
Recent events have taught us (national leaders) that acquiring a position and power is only secondary to what is the primordial concern of a leader – legacy. If there is something we should think of, it is what legacy it is we will leave to future generations.

Stella O. Gonzalez

WIGBERTO "BOBBY" **TAÑADA**

LP-People Power Coalition

THE son of statesman Lorenzo Tañada lives up to the family tradition of public service. He was a senator from 1987 to 1995 and a congressman representing Quezon Province from 1998 to the present. Most recently, he figured as one of the prosecutors inthe Estrada impeachment trial. Tañada earned his Master of Laws degree from the Harvard Law School.

What is your campaign all about, in one sentence?
Restore decency in public service.

How would you define leadership?
One of my staff described me as a "reluctant leader." That's probably because I always adhered to the thought that I am here to serve and not to lead. When I became the representative of the 4th District of Quezon, I found greater meaning in the adage "serving and not leading" through close interaction with my constituents. Leadership is serving and interacting. A good leader empowers the people so that they can actively and meaningfully participate in community and nation building, in defining their own development. He/she breaks the traditional feudal bondage of patronage that is very much prevalent in Philippine politics. A good and effective leader later on becomes dispensable.

Who influenced your thinking?
My father, the late Senator Lorenzo Tañada, had a lot of influence on my set of core values and principles. Of course, his contemporaries in the Senate like Senators Jose "Pepe" Diokno and Claro M. Recto, who share the same views as my father. Respect for human rights, food and freedom, jobs and justice, nationalism – these are some of the "non-negotiable" principles and advocacies that I live and breathe by.

Why do you deserve the people's vote?
My record for eight years as senator and almost six years as congressman is there for their scrutiny. I have never compromised on my positions, not even in the face of a strong lobby or even if such positions may be unpopular. A legislator must see beyond himself/herself and think not of the next election but of the coming generation. I hope my track record would be good enough to merit the support of our people.

Eric S. Caruncho

A **Different** Tune

Development efforts, says singer and Pinatubo nominee Kuh Ledesma, should focus not on enterprises, but on partnership with communities

HER coming from the ranks of the poor and pulling herself up through hard work and talent best qualify her as the lead nominee of the PMP-Pinatubo Party, says Kuh Ledesma, who seems an unlikely representative of the urban poor and rural farmers' sector.

Ledesma: Favors a holistic partnership with government

"I have no interest in pursuing a political career but I am concerned with the state our nation and our people are in," says the singer. "I have the means, the ability and the drive to work towards a future where all our children will have the quality of life they deserve." Ledesma and Atty. Ariel Arias, "who has worked for over 10 years with the urban poor," are so far, the two sectoral candidates of PMP-Pinatubo or the Pinag-isang Lakas Tungo sa Pagbabago.

Pinatubo, says Ledesma, rejects the trickle-down approach of government to poverty "and favors a holistic and creative partnership among local governments, NGOs or people's organizations and the private sector to support sustainable socio-economic plans in poor communities."

What are your core values, commitments and beliefs?
I believe that communities, and not enterprises, should be the focus of planning and socio-economic development. The persistence of government in ignoring the people must stop if there is to be real change.

Arias: Worked with urban poor

What drives and motivates you?
Indignation. After all these years, nothing has changed: 65 percent of Filipinos still live in extreme poverty – not only financial but moral and cultural as well.

What experiences shaped who you are?
My growing up in a poor neighborhood where I learned that survival was a concerted effort; being a nurse and going on medical missions to different parts of the country where I saw beauty and degradation; and having a child which made me realize that everything and everyone are interrelated under God and that community and nature, not self, should be the focus of all efforts.

Whom do you relate to in public life?
Mother Teresa for her selflessness and direct action to serve the poor. Sixto K. Roxas for his progressive ideas.

When you think of leadership, what words and images come to mind?
"Be the change you want to see in this world," words spoken by Mahatma Gandhi.

What have you done that you're proudest of in your public life?
I put up the Music Museum with funds I earned doing local and foreign concerts, to provide a venue for struggling musicians who needed exposure to perfect their art. I am doing the same with Republic of Malate, which gives voice to all art and artists.

How will you govern, if elected? Talk about your governing style.
As a neophyte in the political arena, I realize that there is much for me to learn. I intend to engage legal experts to advise me on the ways of congress and how to be effective in that environment.

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

by Fr. Ruben J. Villote

The Parable of the Subversive Father and His Two Subversive Sons

A law-abiding Jew in the time of Jesus would be scandalized by this parable, because it violates all the social structures and legal codes of the day

Allow me to subvert a little this lovely Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32).

Please read this parable again before joining me in meditating on it together with Thomas Keating, Trappist monk.

If I were a law-abiding Jew during the time of Jesus, I would be scandalized by this Parable of the Prodigal Son.

According to the social structures and legal codes of the Jews in those days, the father of the house was supposed to be the sole representative, chief implementor and defender of the law in his household, especially the law governing inheritance and the honor of the father and his family.

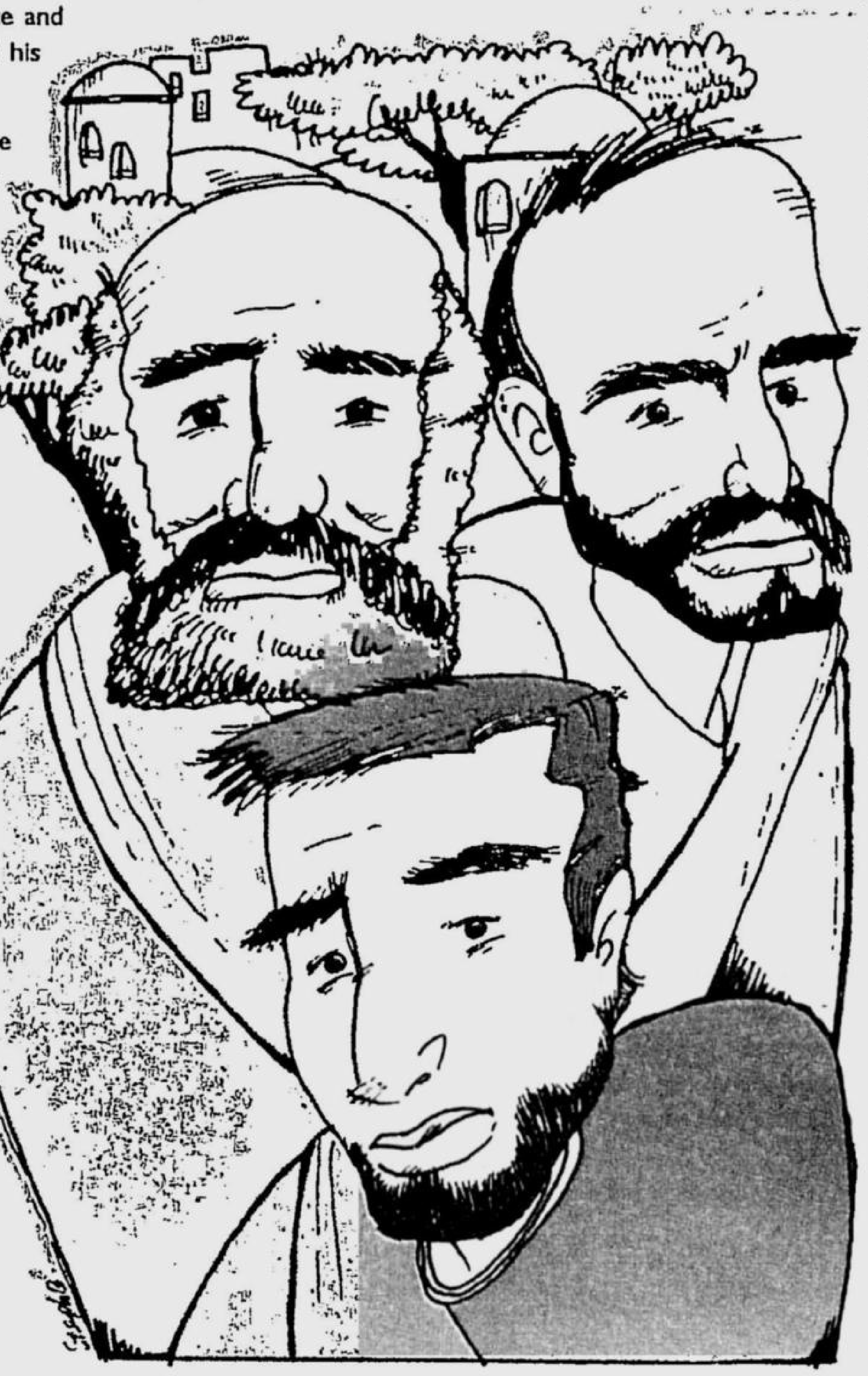


Illustration by Steph Bravo

In the parable, both laws were violated by the younger son who demanded his inheritance ahead of schedule, and having received it, strayed away and squandered his father's money irresponsibly. He was a "subversive" son who dishonored his father's name. The elder brother was also a "subversive" son because he refused to welcome back his younger brother against the will of his father. He even berated his father for being "soft" on the recalcitrant "black sheep" of the family. He told his father in all bitterness and contempt, "You have rewarded this son of yours who has not only squandered his share of our family's fortune but also risked our family's name by living with prostitutes." Thus, the elder brother also "subverted" the prevailing moral and legal code at that time by offending and dishonoring his father.

The father in this parable was also a "subversive" father because, instead of playing his "father role" as the sole representative and strong defender of the law in his household, he disregarded the conventional morality and legality of the times by playing the "mother role" as the nourishing-nurturing-forgiving-unifying element in the household.

As Bernard Brandon Scott says, "This father in the parable turns out to be a bad father and a very good mother." The father in this parable seems disinterested in the moral conventions and legal codes of the times by running out of the house and covering his returning black sheep with affectionate kisses. Thomas Keating observes that "this free expression of love is totally out of character for a father in this strictly patriarchal society."

As I said earlier, if I were a law-abiding Jew during the time of Jesus, I would be upset by this Parable of the Subversive Father and his Two Subversive Sons. In this parable, the younger son acted like a hostage-taker against his own father by forcing his inheritance out of the old man. The elder son acted like his father's prosecuting attorney by dishonoring his old man with insulting and hurting words. The father acted like a mother by ignoring the legalisms and patriarchal standards of his day, and reinstating both his erring sons—even against the laws of the land.

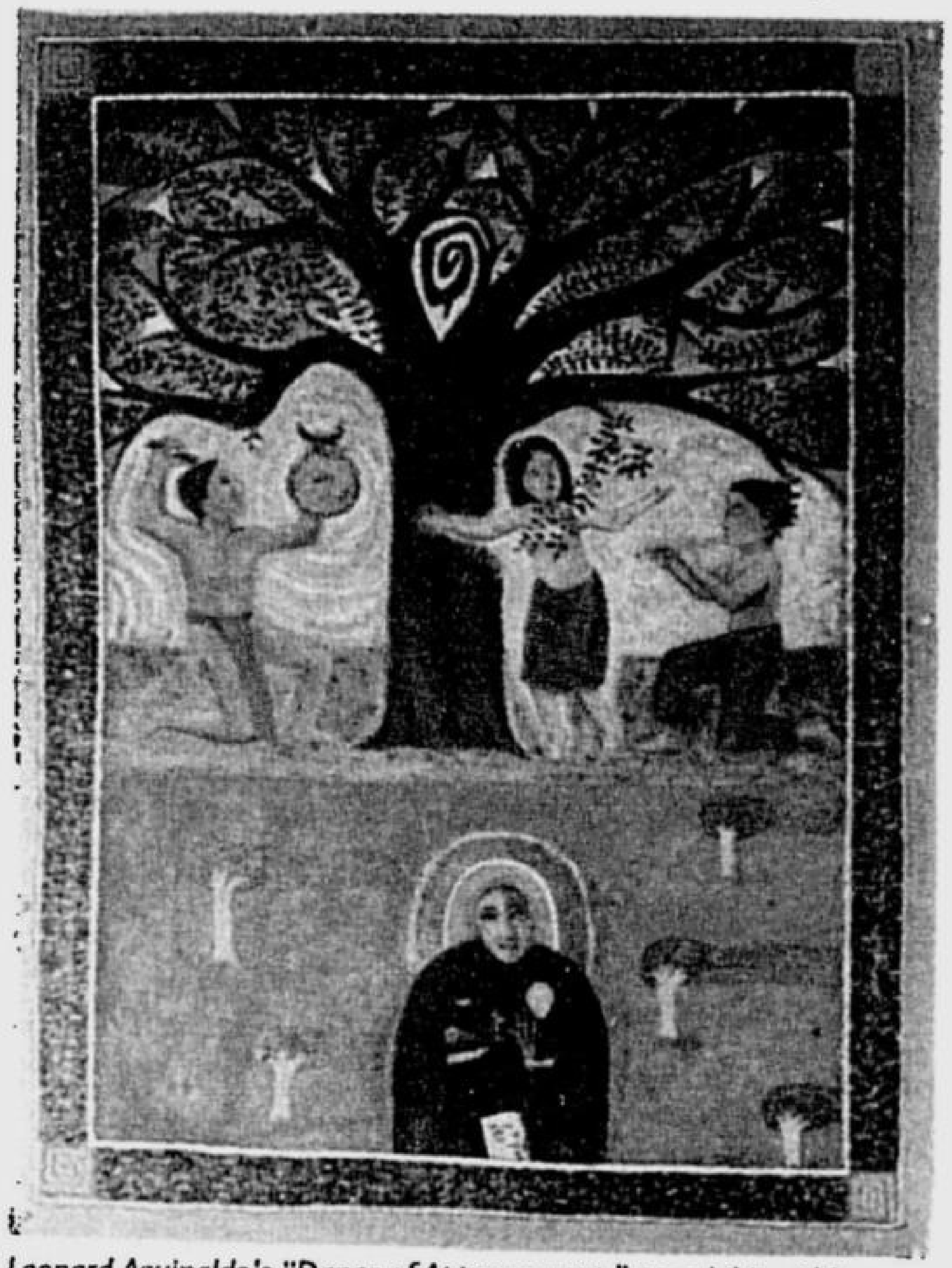
But even if I were not a faithful Jew during Jesus' time, I would still be disturbed not only by this particular Parable of the Prodigal Son but also by all the parables and teachings of Jesus about the Kingdom. Jesus himself, even today, remains a disturbing man who, to the worldly-wise, is indeed a "sign of contradiction," a "scandal," a "clown," a "subversive" and a "nincompoop" who has never left, even for one moment, the consciousness of the world.

This Week

Art

Land of Our Youth, a back-to-back exhibit of Jun Martinez and Jun Tiongco at Gallery 828, Shangri-La Plaza, Edsa, Mandaluyong until March 25.

Varied Works, a solo exhibit by Lino Severino at Aqua Restaurant at The Enterprise Center, Tower 1, Ayala Avenue, Makati City. For inquiries, call 886-5767.


Leonard Aguinaldo's "Dance of Appeasement," on exhibit at Hiraya Gallery

Chadjang and Other Rites, an altered depiction of ethnic Cordillera art by Leonard Aguinaldo at Hiraya Gallery, UN Avenue, Manila until April 20. For details, call 523-3331.

Kasalikasan, Jerry Araos' "living sculpture," unveils on April 3 at the Bonifacio Global City. For details, call 885-3564.

Walong Filipina: Sa Ngalan ng Kalikasan II, a tribute to and affirmation of women's participation in the visual arts, ongoing until March 31 at Liongoren Gallery, 111 New York St., Cubao, QC.

Music

Concert at the Park features the Vocal Ensemble Philippines under music director Prof. Irma Potenciano with hits from Broadway and pop on March 25, 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium.

Guitar ensembles from the Philippine Women's University, University of the Philippines and University of Sto. Tomas will perform their respective repertoires in **Guitars Galore**, March 26, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Little Theater. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1800.

Dessa in Bring Back the Times, a night of nostalgia and sentimental music at the E! Place along Tomas Morato, QC on March 28, 8:30 p.m. For tickets, call 721-1039.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Formula Sports Café (638-5547/48)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

Film

Mossimo will sponsor the advance screening of **Sweet November** starring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron on March 30, 8 p.m. at Glorietta 4 Cinema 6. For inquiries, call 723-2768.

Food

Seafood Seductions, a gastronomic festival of the finest Epicurean selection at The Tivoli Grill of the Mandarin Oriental, Makati Avenue, Makati City until April 1. For reservations, call 750-8888 ext. 2431/32.

Dads, Kamayan and Saisaki at Glorietta III are offering great **buffets for graduates** until April 30. For every group of 11, one buffet is free.

Holiday Inn Manila invites all graduates to avail themselves of the special **graduation set menu package** at the Pavilion Court until March 31. For reservations, call 526-1212 ext. 2503.

Wolf Fish Kaiseki, a sumptuous set menu of wolf fish dishes at the Benkay Japanese Restaurant of Dusit Hotel Nikko until March 31. Also, create your own pasta dishes with family or friends at the Ciao Bar-Ristorante. For reservations, call 867-3333 ext. 3343 and 3310.

The Westin Philippine Plaza salutes the graduates with a special **graduation set menu** that could win for them a free overnight stay or a camera when they dine in a group of eight persons until March 31. For details, call 551-5555 ext. 1231. Also try their Tuscan set menus at the Alfiere Italian Bistro.

Avail of Gold Ranch's special **set meal for graduates** this month at affordable prices. Gold Ranch is located at Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road), Makati City.

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Alliance Francaise de Manille offers **art workshops** for teens and adults. Courses offered are painting with acrylic and watercolor, *pastillas* wrapper making, mask making, caricature or cartooning and terra cotta sculpting. For details, call 895-7585 and 895-7757.

Ateneo Press celebrates **women's month** with selected titles on women/by women on special sale until March 31 at the Bellarmine Hall, ADMU Campus, Loyola Heights, QC. For details, call 426-5984 or email unipress@admu.edu.ph.

Shopping Extravaganza, a bazaar of the latest trends, invites those who want to introduce their products or business on March 31, 10 a.m. at the Valle Verde 5 Clubhouse, Cauliflower St., Pasig City. For details, call 633-0187.

Bodytalk The XYZ Guide to Young Women's Health and Body, a book funded by AusAID in cooperation with Women's Media Circle will be launched on March 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Australia Centre. For details, call 433-2804.

Intensive Journal Workshop, a practical method of self-development that utilizes writing exercises based on the science of Holistic Depth Psychology, March 30 and 31, at the Filipinas Heritage Library. For details, call 892-1801.

Massage Festival, a whole-day workshop on different types of massage, March 31 at the East West Holistic Center. For details, call 712-7750.

Finding Your Life Purpose, a one-day workshop on how to become effective and happy in the work you choose on March 31 at the Center for Health and Creative Arts. For details, call 426-5368 and 434-5381.

US-trained Filipino hair transplant surgeon Dr. Andrew Pineda is in Manila to conduct **consultations** for clients with various hair growth problems at his clinics in Makati City (Suite 611 Medical Towers, Herrera Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City, tel. 813-0691) and Davao (2nd Floor, Galaxy Shopping Arcade, Ilustre Street, Davao City, tel. 221-2682).

Managing a Catering Business Seminar-Workshop, features lectures and hands-on training on how to start a catering business, March 26 to April 3 at the Triple V Express, 2/L Bridgeway, SM Megamall. For details, call 823-4947.

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Fantasy, a two-man show by Fred Ramirez and Boy Bandalan at Genluna Gallery, 12 General Luna St., Davao City until March 31.

Summer Nature and Arts Camp for Kids will hold its annual outdoor live-in camp on April 2-7 at the Taal Lake Yacht Club in Talisay, Batangas. For details, call 721-0801 and 724-1762.

The Philippine Rainforest, Museo Pambata's traveling exhibit on the country's endangered rainforests runs until April 10 at the Gaisano Mall, Davao City.

Kari Kamo sa Bacolod, 26th Philippine Junior Jaycees Inc.'s national convention, will be held on March 30 to April 2, hosted by the University of St. La Salle JJC. For inquiries, call 0917-9967336 or 0919-2293680.

Coron and Calauit Escapades, a combination of marine and Safari tour, will be held on April 7-9. For details, call 806-1720 (7 p.m. onwards) or at 0919-5785984.

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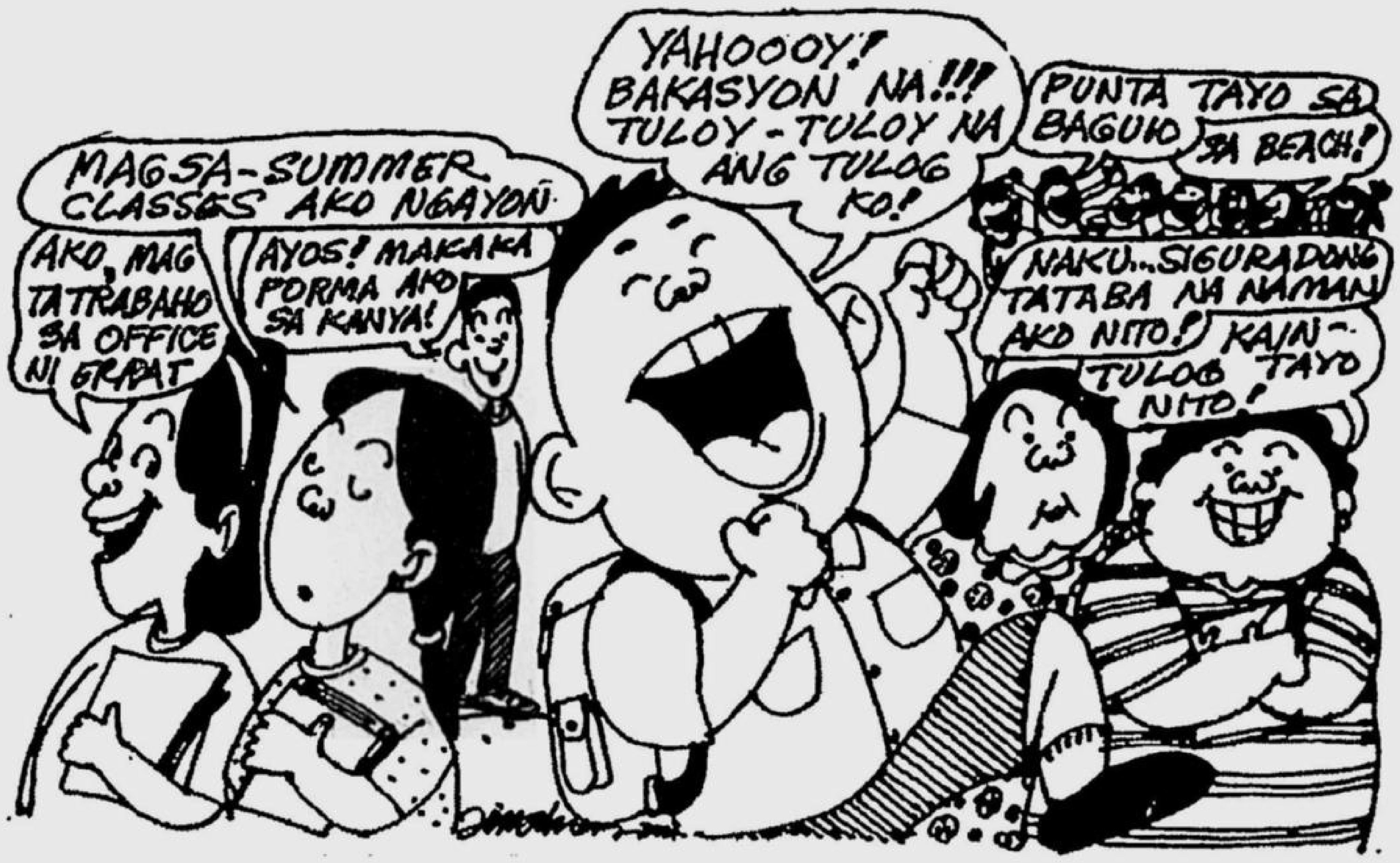
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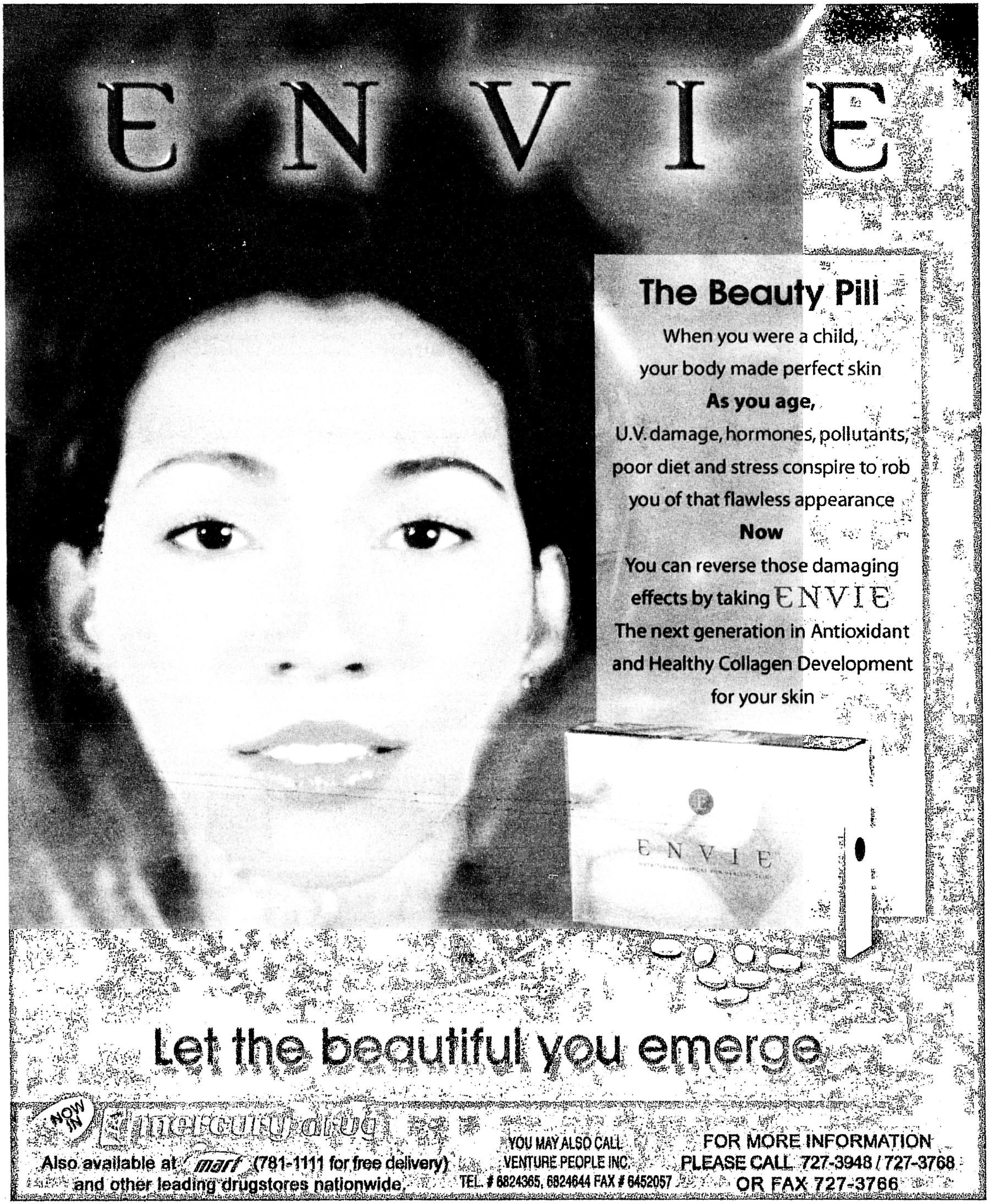

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